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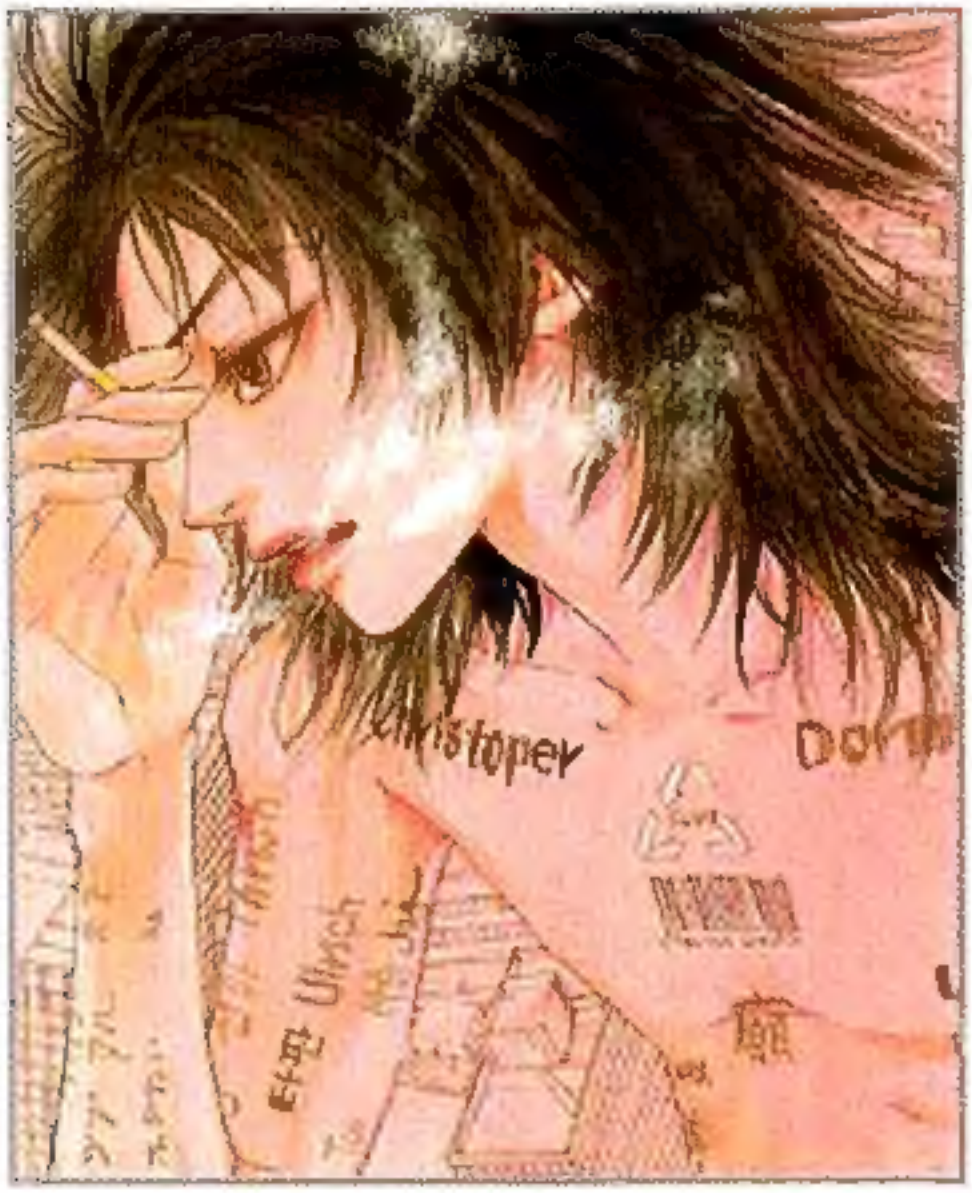

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HOW MARTIANS CONQUER THE EARTH

TYPICALLY, HE'D SAY THIS WITH JOY.

YOU'RE TERRIBLE.

HE DISAPPEARED...

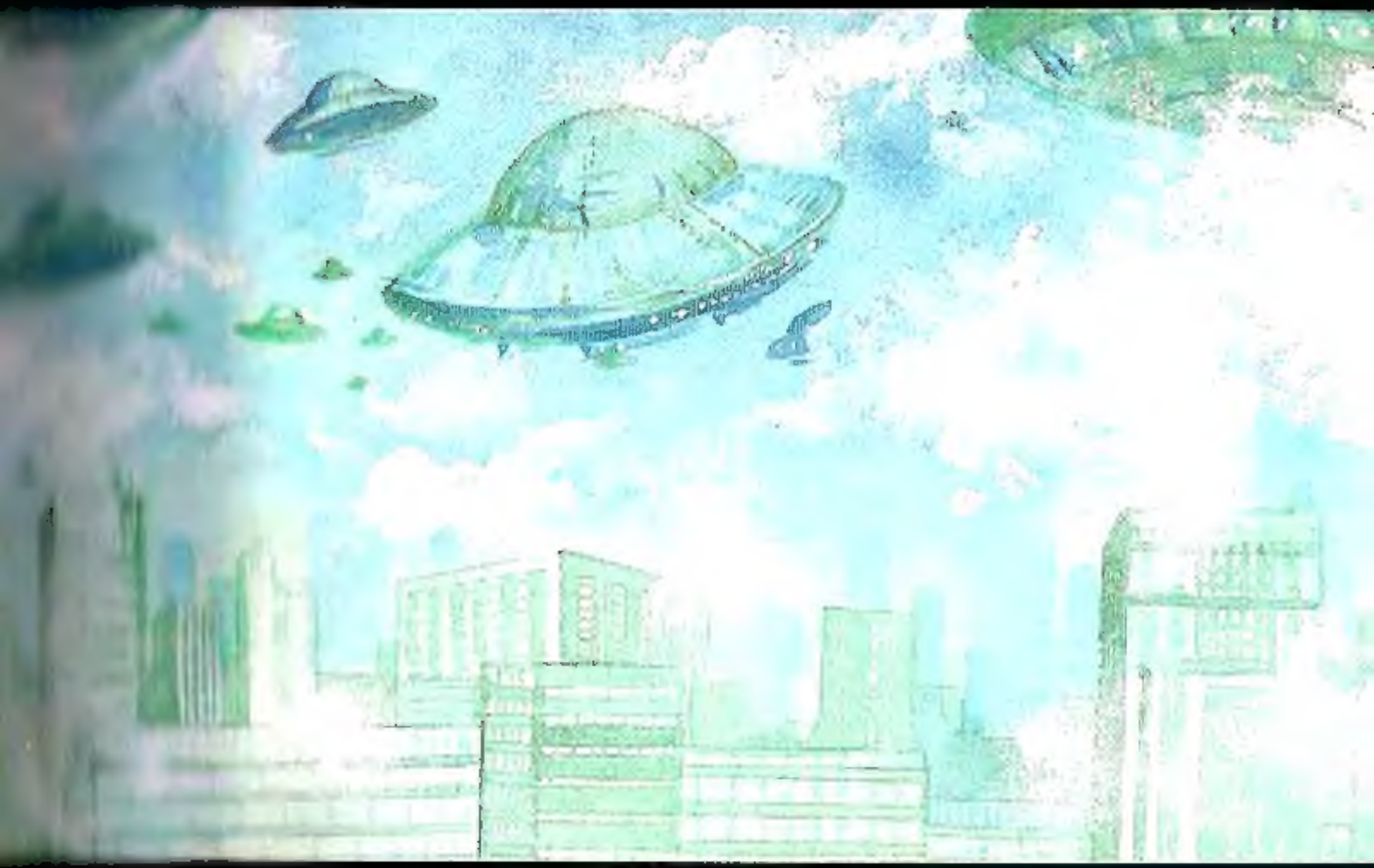
...AT THE END OF A.D. 1999...

...SO... THE WORLD WAS...

...DESTROYED AS THERE WAS NO REASON TO EXIST.

SO...

...ALL THAT WEAK AND STUPID HUMAN BEINGS WANT IS...



...FOR MARTIANS TO CONQUER THE EARTH.

I FIRST MET HIM...

WHAT? IS HE BOTHERING YOU?

...AT "HEAVEN", THE CLUB MY FRIENDS AND I FREQUENTED.

DON'T MIND HIM.

HE WAS ONE OF THE MEN WE WANTED TO RIP OFF THAT DAY.

HE'S MAD BECAUSE WE HAVE DRAGGED HIM HERE.

I'M DONE WITH YOU. I'M GOING HOME.

HUH? HEY!

WHAT? HOW CAN YOU GO HOME NOW?

HE HAD ANNOYINGLY...

HOW SNOBBY...

...

...KIND EYES.

HE LOOKED LIKE HE WAS THINKING "I'M NOT A PARTY PERSON LIKE YOU" AND...

..I DIDN'T LIKE IT.

SO I TOLD HIM.

DO YOU WANT TO SLEEP WITH ME?

OF COURSE...

...THAT WAS A LIE.

YOU'RE MY TYPE, YOU KNOW?

LET'S GO-.

.....

YOU...

MEN TREAT YOU LIKE A PIECE OF MEAT...

.....DOESN'T THAT MAKE YOU SAD?

YES, IT WAS FROM THAT POINT...

...THAT HE BECAME THE ONLY MAN IN MY LIFE...

IT WAS LIKE...

...SLUT MEETS DEVOTED MAN BY CHANCE...

...AND THEY LIVED HAPPILY EVER AFTER.

WERE IT TRUE...

...IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN SOMETHING OUT OF A CHEAP MELODRAMA...

Usually, it's a devoted girl, though.

...OR IT WOULD HAVE BEEN SELFISH LOVE WITH ONLY THE TWO OF THEM HAPPY.

AND...

...THAT WAS AT THE END OF A.D. 1999

IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN A SWEET LOVE STORY...

...THAT COULD HAVE HAPPENED ONLY BEFORE THE END OF THE WORLD.

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HOW MARTIANS CONQUER THE EARTH

BUT IT'S ALREADY THE YEAR 2000.

THE AGE OF PERFECT LIES.

SE*...

"Means "bird" in Korean.

...IS FLYING IN.

CHAP-SE* ARE FLYING IN.

*MEANS "ALL KINDS OF BIRDS" BUT IS ALSO SLANG FOR POLICEMEN

HA

...

...

THIS ISN'T A KARAOKE BAR!

WHY SING SERENA KIM'S "BIRD SONG" OUT OF THE BLUE?

And what are you wearing?

.....
Are you really generation N?

I WAS SINGING "POJOL*" BY DJ DOC.
And I have no other clothes...

*Old Korean word for "policeman."

THIS ILL-TEMPERED GIRL IS...

DUDE...

KOFF
Stop smoking!

I WANTED YOU TO MEET A GUY BUT...

NO WAY!

O°°
You said I'd meet your fiancé...

... MY BEST FRIEND MIN-HEE.

ARE WE THAT OBVIOUS?

HOW COULD YOU TELL WE WERE COPS, SI-RA?

DON'T ADMIT IT, HON!

THIS NAIVE LOOKING MAN IS...

... MIN-HEE'S FIANCE.

HARD TO BELIEVE, THOUGH.

THE OUTDATED, UNSTYLISH CLOTHES...

...THE SHORT, NO STYLE HAIR...

...YOUR EYES SCANNING EVERYTHING...

...AND...

...THE SNEAKERS.

BUT...

HEH HEH

...EVERYONE WEARS SNEAKERS!

HOW DO YOU KNOW SO MUCH ABOUT COPS?

JU-HYUN!

Don't press for details!

No interrogation!

...

I USED TO DATE A POLICEMAN.

IT DIDN'T LAST...

HIS NAME WAS...

HUH! OH, NO!

WHAT WAS HIS NAME?

SNORT

...

YOU KNOW, THE PATRIOTIC GUY.

THE IDIOT WHO DID THINGS THE HARD WAY.

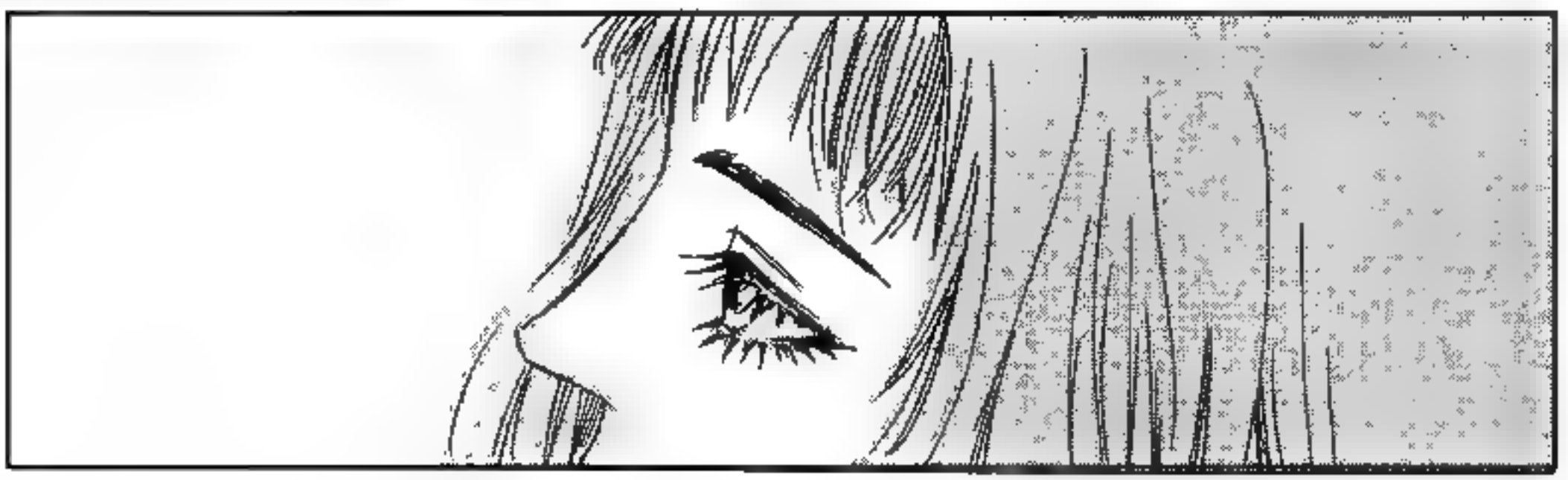
Y'KNOW.

.....

JUMPED INTO A BURNING HOUSE TO SAVE A KID...

LIKE SOME FIREMAN

CUT IT OUT!



COME ON, GIRL! DON'T BE LIKE THAT.

I DATED HIM BUT I DON'T EVEN RECALL HIS NAME.

How annoying.

HUG

YOU'LL CONFUSE JU-HYUN.

You liked that guy?

STOP CRYING!

OH, WELL! TIME TO GO HOME!

"THE SECRET"(TV SHOW) IS ON TODAY, RIGHT?

SEE YOU LATER, MR CHAP-SE!

...

...

...

WHAT WAS THAT ALL ABOUT?

WHATTA SLUT.

Looks naive but...

HEY, HEY..

HER EX, THE COP...

...DIED, RIGHT?

I read that in the paper..

EVEN IF THEY DATED BRIEFLY...

...

FEEL SORRY FOR THE DEAD...

ENOUGH!

BYE~ BYE~.

DOES SHE LOOK NORMAL TO YOU?

UH...

You're scary, Min Hee.

...

PITY THE DEAD AND...

...NOT THE LIVING...

HONK

HONK

HONK

SI-RA HYUN!

HONK

HONK

I...

HUFF

HUFF

I AM...

HUFF

...A RETURN MAN.

HUFF

...?

UH... YOU KNOW, THE NEW NAME FOR...

...PEOPLE THOUGHT DEAD BUT WHO COME BACK...

A LOT OF PEOPLE CANCEL THEIR DEATH CERTIFICATES. LIKE ME...

.....

YOUR BOYFRIEND'S BODY WASN'T FOUND...

..SO...

I'M ONLY GOOD AT ONE THING AND ONE THING ONLY!

IF HE WERE ALIVE...

...HE SHOULD'VE COME BACK TO ME LONG AGO...

--

HUH?

BLUSHING

Why do you blush if you don't get what I'm saying?

--

I... UH...

...

MAYBE HE LOST HIS MEMORY. OR...

...IS TREATING HIS BURNS.

DRIP

DRIP

HMM...

YOU'RE A KIND MAN.

Now I know why Min-Hee likes you.

BUT A BAD LIAR.

What a story..!

.....

OH...

...TELL MIN-HEE SHE DOESN'T HAVE TO CALL AND CHECK ON ME.

OKAY.

THEN SEE YOU LATER.

WELL...

SCRATCH

SCRATCH

JU-HYUN!

I'M COMING!

WHAT?! SAY THAT AGAIN.

DID YOU SAY THAT I DON'T LOOK LIKE A DETECTIVE?

YOU LOOK MORE LIKE A PIMP!

LOOK AT THOSE SNEAKERS!

HAVEN'T YOU SEEN THE MOVIE "NOWHERE TO HIDE"?

SHH-

-OOP

WHAT ABOUT THEM?

ONLY REAL DETECTIVES CAN TIE THEIR LACES THIS WELL!

-OTA-

-DAH

EVER SEE ME IN DRESS SHOES?

NO, RIGHT?

.....
TSK.

IDIOT.

AMAZING!

THE TOTAL MEDAL COUNT FOR KOREA...

...AT THE SYDNEY OLYMPICS...

I WISH IT WERE NEXT YEAR ALREADY.

WHY?

IT'S NOT LIKE YOU WON A MEDAL!

IT'S THE OLYMPICS! COME ON! DON'T BE ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE! AREN'T YOU PROUD TO HEAR THE KOREAN NATIONAL ANTHEM AND WATCH THE FLAG RAISED FOR ALL THE WORLD TO SEE?

ARE YOU KOREAN OR WHAT?!

I WISH IT WERE NEXT YEAR ALREADY.

WHY?

BECAUSE I'M GONNA MARRY YOU...

WHAT'S THAT FACE?...

...

DON'T WANNA MARRY ME?

AREN'T WOMEN SUPPOSED TO WAIT..

..UNTIL A MAN PROPOSES TO YOU?

BUT I KISSED YOU FIRST AND I DID X AND XX BEFORE YOU TOO.

WHO CARES?

!!

HAVE YOU NO SHAME, WOMAN?

Her eyes are looking far

HEE HEE

And what's X and XX?

BUT CAN YOU HANDLE THIS?

I LIVE A DANGEROUS LIFE.

THIS WON'T BE THE LAST TIME.

WHO KNOWS WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT TIME.

CAN YOU HANDLE... THIS KIND OF LIFE?

WHY NOT?

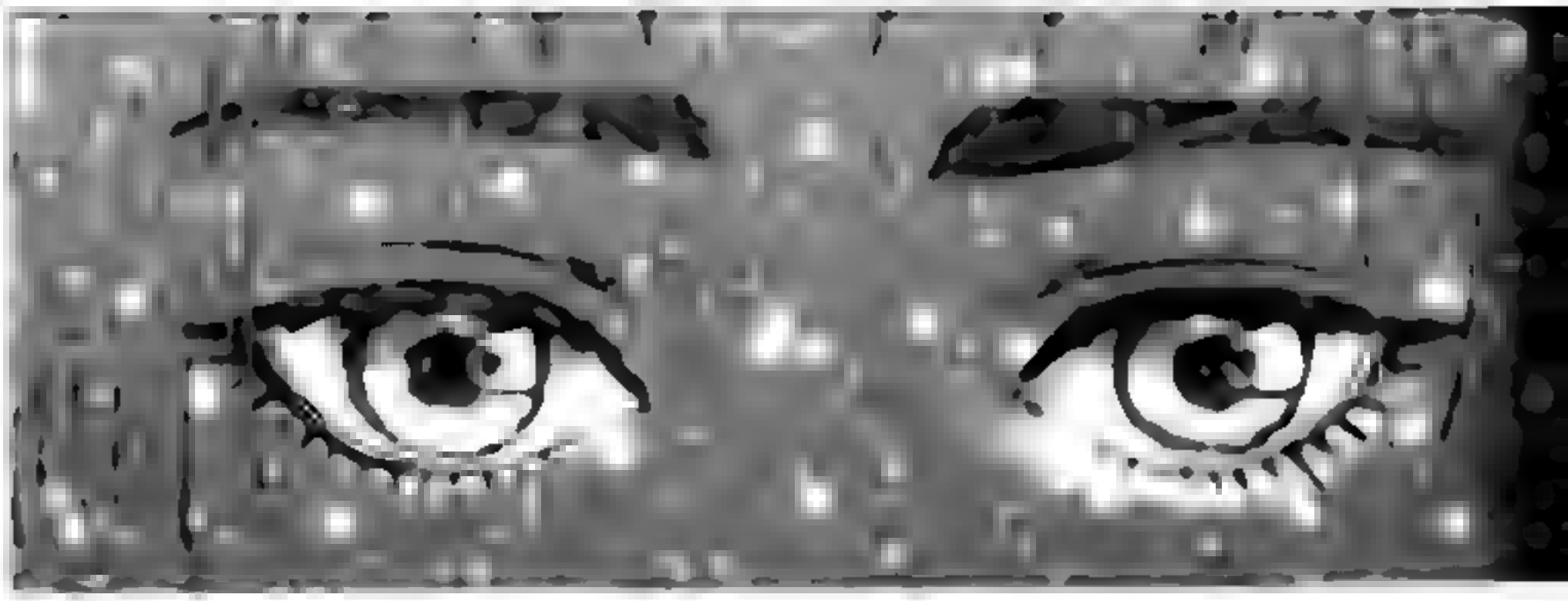
I FIND IT VERY THRILLING!

HA

YOU ARE...

A VERY TERRIBLE GIRL.

HUH?



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MIN-HEE?

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DUDE, YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO COME... IT'S ALREADY LATE...

COME ON IN

...SI-RA...

LUCKILY...

A IT'S ME...

..I DON'T BELIEVE IN GOD.

IF I BELIEVE IN GOD...

--

...IF I DID...

...THERE'S ONLY ONE THING I WOULD PRAY FOR...

S-SUN-WHEE?

I JUST GOT
HOME SOME
TIME AGO!
SHE
WON'T BE
BACK!

COOL MIRACLES LIKE THIS...

...NEVER HAPPEN!

THIS IS...

...SOMETHING YOU ALWAYS...

..WANTED.

WAKE UP, SI-RA HYUN!

WHEN.. DID I BECOME SO WEAK?

RIGHT?

HAVING SUCH A VIVID DREAM...

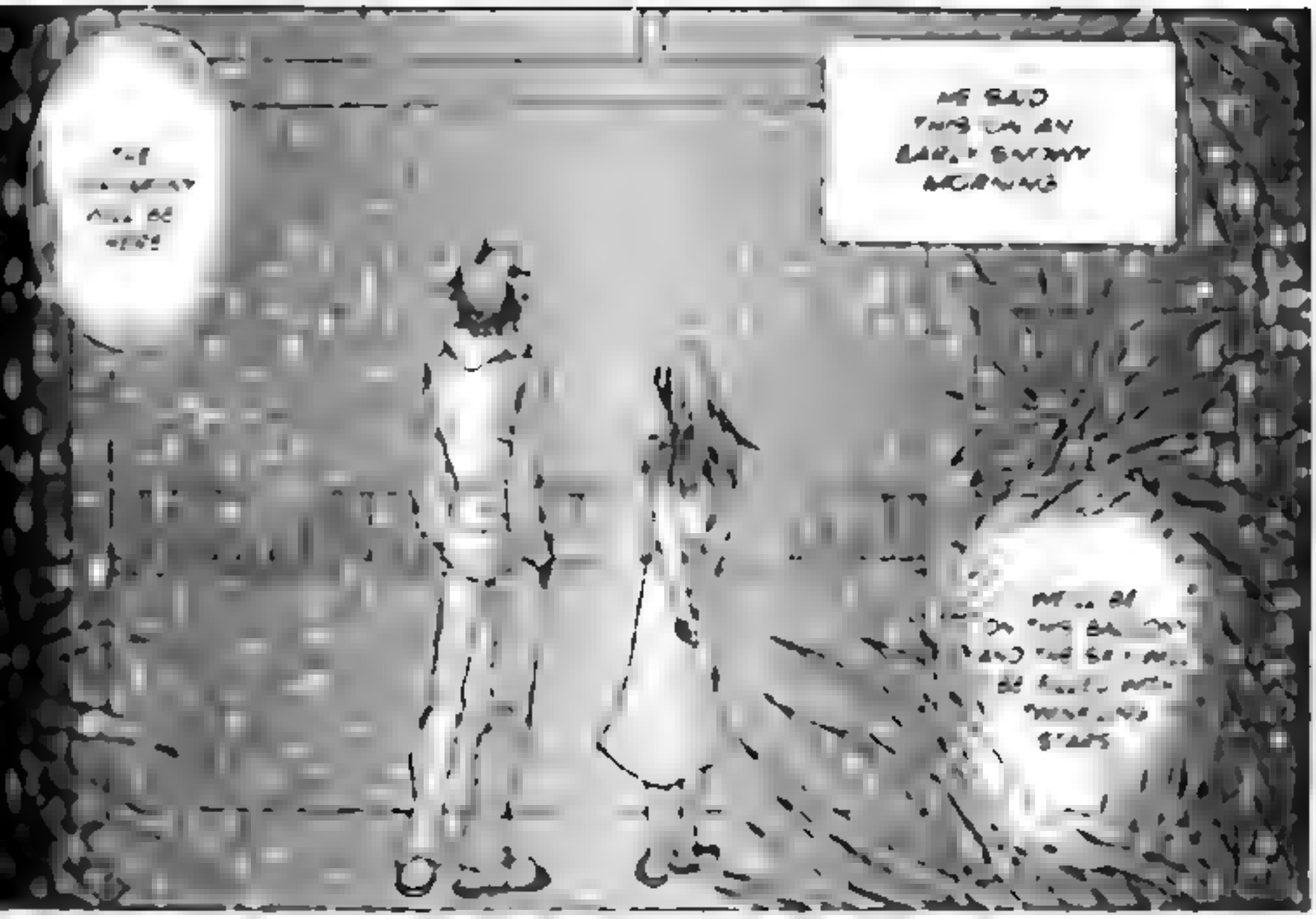
.CAN'T BE GOOD, RIGHT?

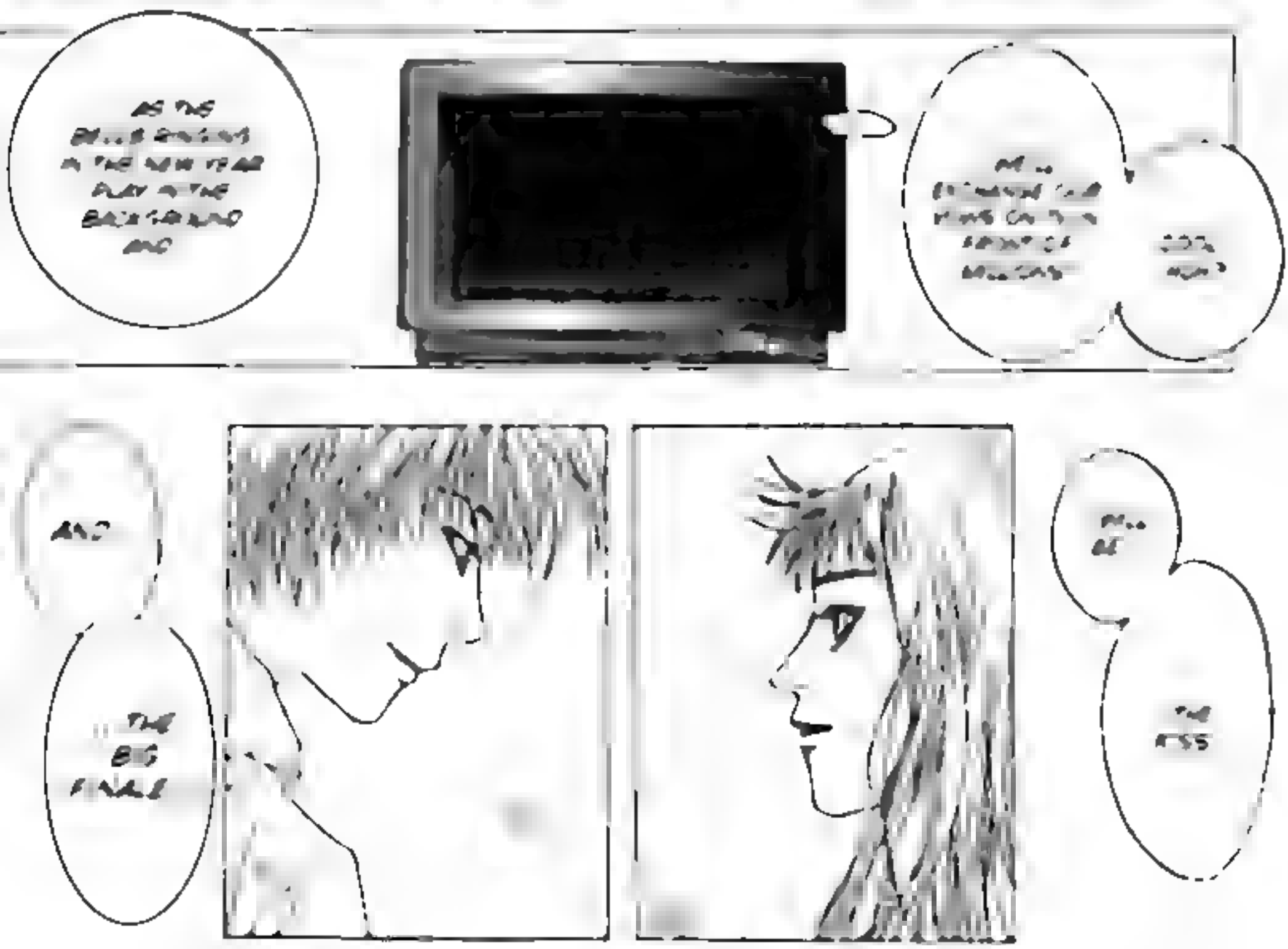
I SHOULD..

...STICK TO RECALLING OLD MEMORIES...

...FOR MY OWN HEALTH!

YES... MEMORIES LIKE THIS...





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"HEE-HEE"? HEY!

POK

POK

YOU'RE BLUSHING♥

Nervous much?

YOU OPENED YOUR EYES DURING THE KISS!

MWA-HA-HA-HA-HA

HOW COULD I RESIST?

THAT WHOLE REHEARSAL THING WAS SO CHEESY!

LOSER.

CHEESY?

CHEESY!

BUT...

...YOU ONLY GET MARRIED ONCE IN YOUR LIFE!

HE MUST BE THE LAST ROMANTIC OF OUR TIME.

COULD THERE BE A MORE DIFFICULT AND ANNOYING HUMAN...

...HMM...

You're too serious...

...OUT THERE?

HE'S A STUBBORN ONE.

IDIOT...

SO...

...WHAT IF IT SNOWS OR RAINS THAT DAY?

LIKE TODAY.

No stars!

WON'T HAPPEN!

OR WHAT IF THERE'S A POWER FAILURE?

No New Year's bells! No guests!

I SAID IT WON'T HAPPEN!

WHAT IF THE WORLD IS DESTROYED?

YOU'RE .

TERRIBLE

YOU DIDN'T KNOW?

AND A DANGEROUS WOMAN...

Who would think that...?

IT'S A WELL-KNOWN THEORY.

Y2K! 1999 IS THE END OF THE WORLD!

blah blah blah

NO NEED TO FEAR!

THE WORLD IS PROTECTED BY

...ME! SUN-WHEE NAM!

HA HA HA

NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT!

ARE YOU GATCHA-MAN?

HA HA HA.

← Throat getting dry.

LET ME GUESS EMBARRASSED BY YOUR OWN MELODRAMA?

HMM?

SI-RA..

I LOVE YOU.

HE SAID..

..IF HE WASN'T 100% SURE...

..HE WOULDN'T PROMISE...

HE ..

.. SAID THAT .

..QUITE CLEARLY...

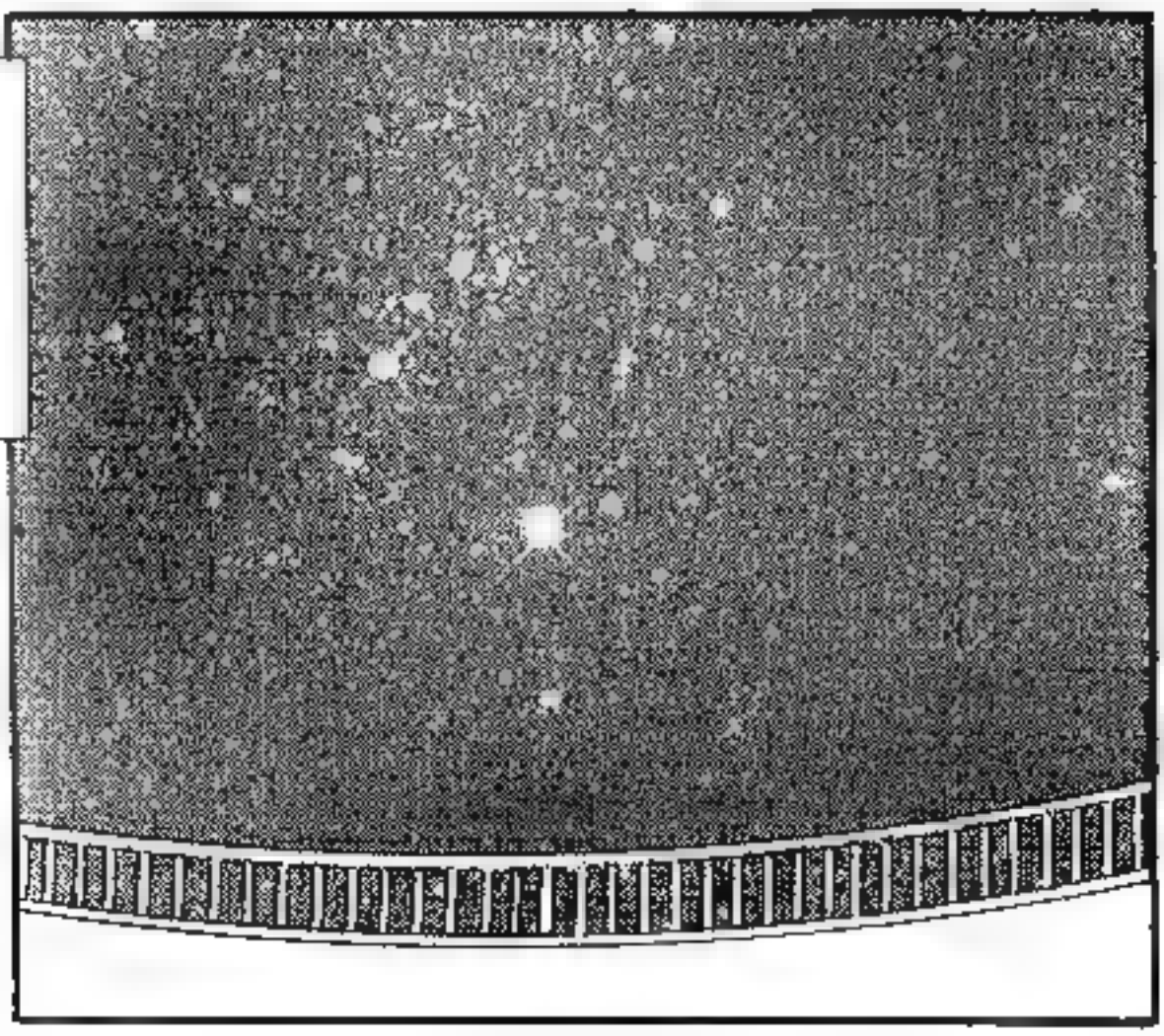
..SO..

..I...

..I WAS..

THE WEATHER

... WAS SO CLEAR THAT DAY



THE SKY WAS FILLED WITH STARS.

NO Y2K.

NO POWER FAILURE.

EVERY-THING..

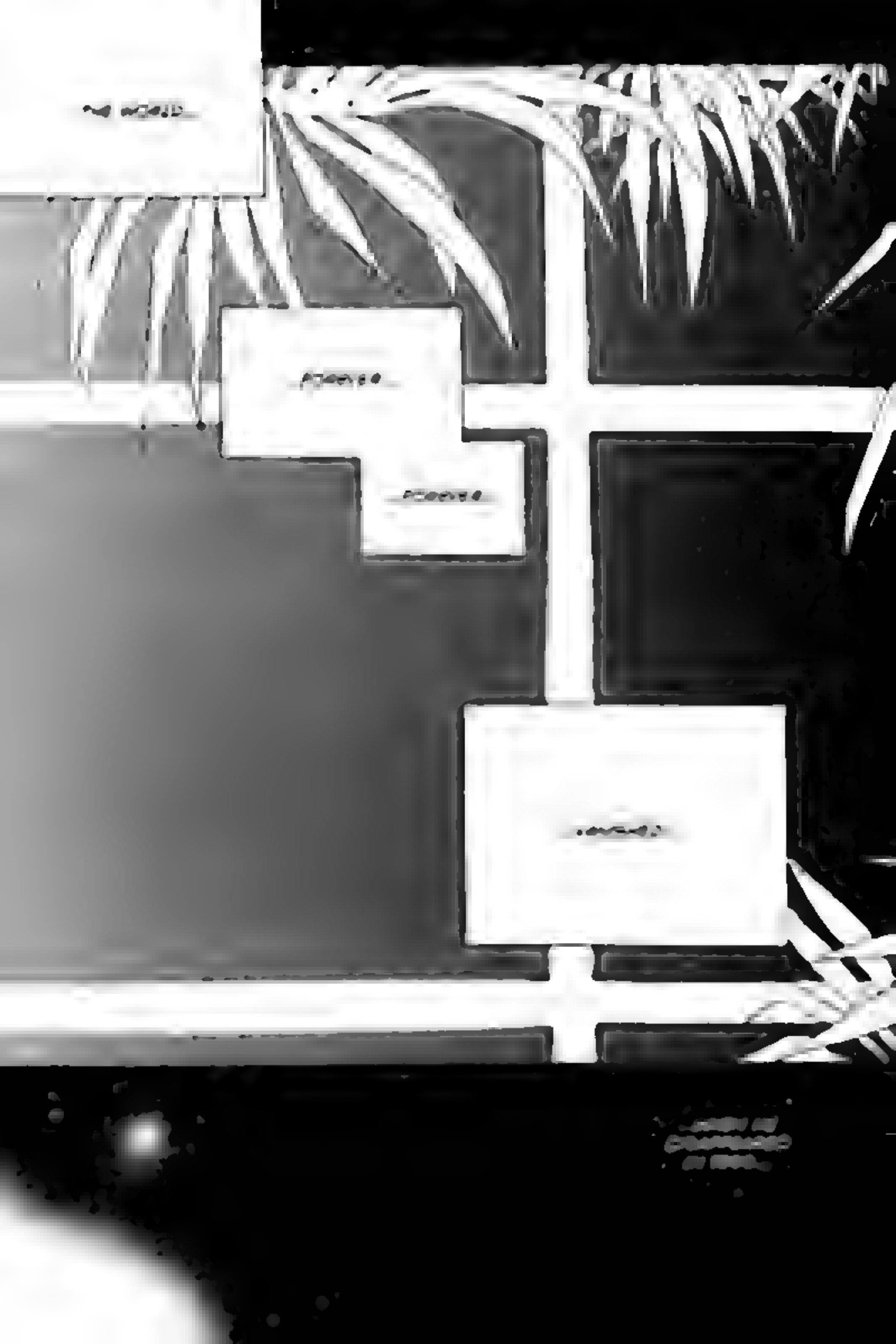
...WAS FINE.

BUT..

THIS ISN'T WHAT YOU PROM SED.

...HE LIED TO ME!

And that was... the most important thing...



Some protector

STUPID ME! RECALLING THESE MEMORIES...

...WILL CHANGE... ...NOTHING. .

RIGHT?

REMEMBERING THE PAST IS A LUXURY FOR THOSE LEFT BEHIND.

IT'S LIKE LISTENING TO AN OLD CASSETTE TAPE AGAIN AND AGAIN

I AM A RETURN MAN..

WHY...

...DOESN'T IT HAPPEN TO ME? WHY?

.....!

WELL...

...IT'S NOT GOOD...

YOU...

...ONLY CRY IN YOUR SLEEP...

IT'S...

...A LIE.

A LIE...? HEY!

IF YOU KEEP SAYING THAT, I'LL DISAPPEAR AGAIN.

You know how hard it is to come back?

THEN ONE DAY..

.....

HEY, I SAID SUN-WHEE CAME BACK!

SUN-WHEE CAME BACK.

SUN-WHEE...

...MY SUN-WHEE...

...SUN-WHEE CAME BACK.

ALL OF YOU! LISTEN TO ME! SUN-WHEE CAME BACK!

.....

BUT I'M...

...THE ONLY ONE...

...WHO KNOWS THIS.

SI-RA...

ISN'T THIS A BIT MUCH?

BECAUSE ...

I'M SCARED.

THAT WHILE I'M NOT LOOKING...

...YOU MIGHT DISAPPEAR AGAIN!

THAT'S WHAT GHOSTS DO!

RIGHT...?

HEY..

HAVE YOU...

...EVER SEEN A GHOST WHO GOES TO THE TOILET EVERYDAY?

.....

B-BUT...

BUT WHAT? I CAN'T GO* IF YOU JUST...

...STAND THERE WATCHING! COME ON!

GET LOST! GET!

SHWT

SHWT

Oh!

GET OUT OF HERE OR ELSE!

Stop!

How cruel...

* "Go" where?

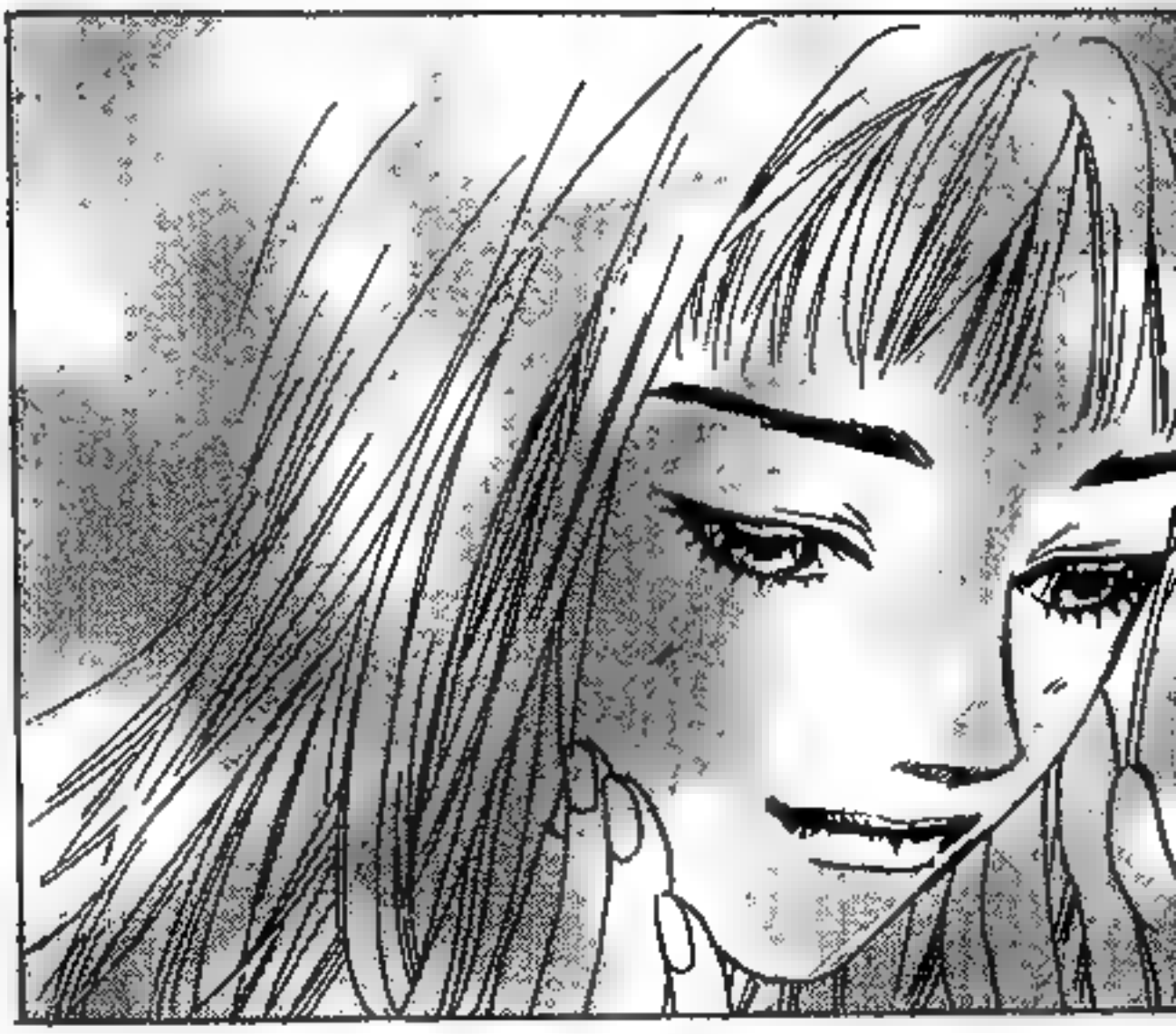
.....

WAIT! OR ELSE WHAT?

I WON'T WASH MY HANDS! SO THERE!

AIEEE! NO!!

You're gross!



THIS IS AWESOME!

I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M EVEN HAVING THIS CONVERSATION WITH SUNWHEE!

HEE-ㅎㅇ HEE-ㅎㅇ

IS HE CONSTIPATED?

← In deep thought.

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IT FEELS LIKE I'M DREAMING!

HELLO?

I'VE BEEN WORRIED ABOUT YOU, DUDE.

OH, IT'S YOU, MIN-HEE!

"IT'S YOU MIN-HEE?" GEEZ!

YOU DON'T HAVE A HOME PHONE AND YOU TURNED OFF YOUR CELL...

SORRY... I'VE BEEN BUSY...

SHE MUST HAVE BEEN WORRIED ABOUT ME...

She is so maternal.

.....
SHOULD I TELL HER?

SUN-WHEE CAME BACK...

WHAT?

AH, I SHOULDN'T HAVE TOLD HER.

I KNOW... IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE BUT...

I BELIEVE YOU!

YOU WOULDN'T JOKE ABOUT THAT...

REALLY ?

YEAH, IT HAPPENS A LOT NOW!

A LOT?

.....

--

BUT... WHY SO QUIET?

HMM...

I DON'T KNOW HOW TO SAY THIS...

I DON'T LIKE...

...RETURN MEN...

IT'S CREEPY HOW THE WHITES OF THEIR EYES ARE BLUE...

...AND COMING BACK FROM THE DEAD IS UNNATURAL.

OH, AND THE WEIRD RUMORS!

SOME SAY THEY'RE PART OF A GOVERNMENT GENOME PROJECT...

...OTHERS SAY THEY'RE ALIENS...

I HEARD THEY CONCEAL THEIR IDENTITIES BECAUSE OF THESE RUMORS!

..., so shocked that Ju-Hyun introduced you to a Return Man...

OH!

SORRY! I SHOULDN'T HAVE SAID THOSE THINGS TO YOU.

YOUR BOYFRIEND...

...IS A RETURN MAN, SO HOW COULD YOU SAY ALL THAT?

MY BOYFRIEND?!

WHAT? JU-HYUN IS A RETURN MAN?

N-NO...

YOU DIDN'T KNOW?

Can't see whites of his eyes... a

WELL... HE'S ALWAYS SQUINTING...

I'LL HAVE A TALK WITH HIM LATER...

A t-talk?

WHAT HAD SUN-WHEE DONE WHILE HE WAS GONE?

--!

I...

...DIDN'T THINK ABOUT THAT.

I WAS...

...JUST...

...HAPPY BECAUSE...

...HE CAME BACK...

...TO ME...

WHAT'S THAT?

KOREAN DICTIONARY.

WHY ARE YOU READING THAT?

IT'S QUITE FUN, YOU KNOW.

A little thick though...

FLIP

FIND A WORD YOU LIKE?

YEAH... SAMO-HANDA*.

RIGHT. THIS IS 'IT...!

*to love, miss or respect someone.

BY THE WAY

SIGH

HUH?

CAN YOU NOT SIT SO CLOSE TO ME?

DON'T YOU LIKE ME ANYMORE?

NO... IT'S JUST...

...BECAUSE I'M...

...A MAN WHO HAS XY DNA, SO IF YOU GET TOO CLOSE...

HA HA HA HA HA

THIS IS NEW!

YOU'RE FUNNY! YOU'VE GROWN UP, SUN-WHEE!

BAM

BAM

WAS WHAT I SAID THAT FUNNY?

Don't have to laugh at me like that...

IDIOT!

...

WHO WANTED TO STAY A VIRGIN UNTIL THE WEDDING?

You're still a virgin...

--

...ME?

Really?

HUH!

REPEAT AFTER ME! LOUDLY!

"I LOVE YOU, SI-RA!"

DUN

DUN

W-WHAT'S THIS ALL OF SUDDEN?

How can I say that?

THIS IS FOR FORGETTING OUR MEMORIES!

I L-LOVE YOU, SI-RA.

I CAN'T HEAR YOU! LOUDER!

I LOVE YOU, SI-RA!

O.K! NOW, SUN-WHEE IS SI-RA'S!

...

S-SUN-HEE IS SI-RA'S...

!

... WHAT DID YOU SAY?

TOTALLY YOURS...

...I AM ALL YOURS...

I DON'T KNOW HOW TO SAY THIS...

--

I DON'T LIKE... ...RETURN MEN...

THE WAY THE WHITES OF THEIR EYES ARE BLUE

.....

...IT'S CREEPY...

...AND COMING BACK FROM THE DEAD IS UNNATURAL...

...SO_

HA! WHAT'S WRONG?

YOU LOOK SO SERIOUS...

PAK

I-IDIOT!

I THOUGHT YOU CAME BACK AND FORGOT YOUR OWN NAME!

Calling yourself Sun-Hee?

HAHAHAHAHA!

I WAS JUST JOKING!

YOU'RE AWFUL!

YES, I AM!

JUST PLAIN AWFUL!

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO THAT YOU CAME BACK JUST NOW?

UM... WELL...

IF I TOLD YOU I LOST MY MEMORY OR...

...HAD TO GET TREATED FOR SEVERE BURNS...

...WOULD YOU...

...BELIEVE ME?

OF COURSE NOT!

THIS A KIND OF RETURN MEN GAG?

Why the same story?

.....

I'M SORRY BUT...

...I DON'T WANT TO REMEMBER

SUN-WHEE SAID...

...HE DIDN'T WANT TO REMEMBER...

...NOT THAT HE COULDN'T REMEMBER...

ANYWAY...

...I'VE COME BACK...

...SO EVERYTHING IS OKAY.

RIGHT?

I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT.

TSK

BUT IT'S TOO BAD.

IF YOU WOULD HAVE COME BACK A LITTLE EARLIER...

TSK TSK TSK TSK

...WE COULD'VE SHARED A MOMENT LISTENING TO THE NATIONAL ANTHEM...

...AND WATCHING THE NATIONAL FLAG GO UP ON TV

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

I'M TALKING ABOUT THE OLYMPIC GAMES! OLYMPICS!

DID YOU FORGET ABOUT GOLD MEDALS?

Come on.

IT'S NOT LIKE YOU WON A MEDAL!

ARE YOU KOREAN...

...OR WHAT?!

DO YOU KNOW HOW PATRIOTIC YOU SOUND?

YOU'RE SO CUTE, SI-RA

MAYBE...

...SUN-WHEE...

WHO CARES ABOUT OLYMPICS ANYWAY?

...HAS LOST A LOT OF HIS MEMORY.

I ONLY NEED YOU...

OR MAYBE BECAUSE HE CAME BACK FROM THE DEAD...

...IT'S NOT STRANGE FOR HIM TO SAY SUCH CHEESY THINGS.

RIGHT.

SUN-HEE WILL PROTECT SI-RA FOREVER.

ALTHOUGH HE CAN'T PRONOUNCE HIS OWN NAME PROPERLY...

IT'S NOT STRANGE..

...NOT AT ALL...

ENOUGH JOKES ABOUT YOUR NAME!

OKAY. OKAY.

THIS IS...

...USELESS AND...

...MEANINGLESS.

I'M...

...LIKE A KID GOING CRAZY FOR A CELEBRITY.

LIKE A WOMAN CRYING FOR NO REASON.

RIGHT.

THIS IS...

...A SWEET LOVE STORY ...

...THAT COULD HAVE HAPPENED ONLY BEFORE THE END OF THE WORLD.

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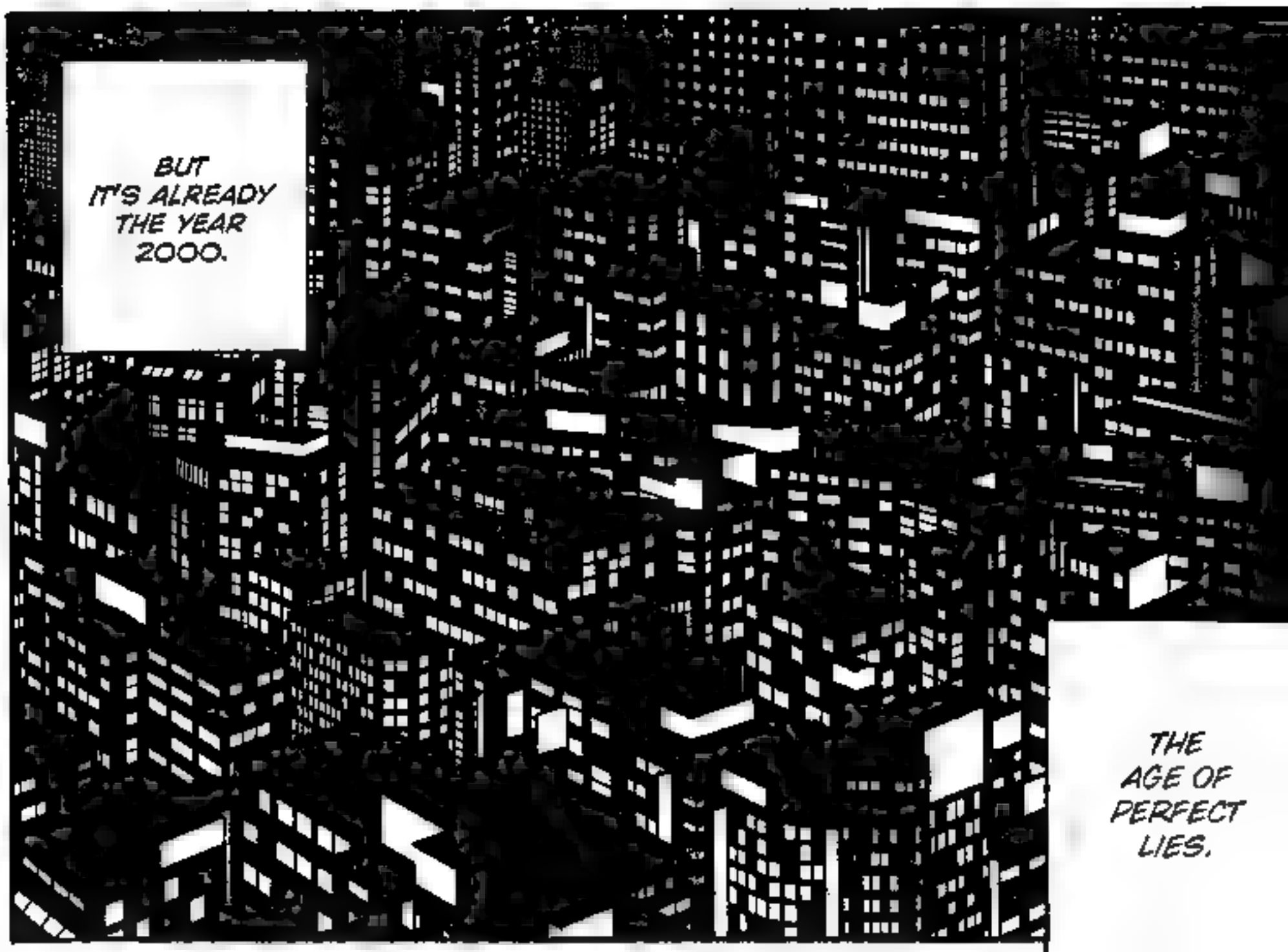
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THE AGE OF PERFECT LIES.

I'M AT JONGGAK TOWER WHERE MANY HAVE GATHERED...

...TO RING IN THE NEW YEAR!

IT'S ALMOST TIME...

THE CEREMONY WILL BE HERE.

WE'LL BE ON THIS BALCONY AND THE SKY WILL BE FILLED WITH TWINKLING STARS...

...AS THE BELLS RINGING IN THE NEW YEAR PLAY IN THE BACKGROUND AND...

It's so cold, Si-Ra.

SHIVER SHIVER

...WE'LL EXCHANGE OUR VOWS ON TV IN FRONT OF MILLIONS!

AND...

...THE BIG FINALE WILL BE...

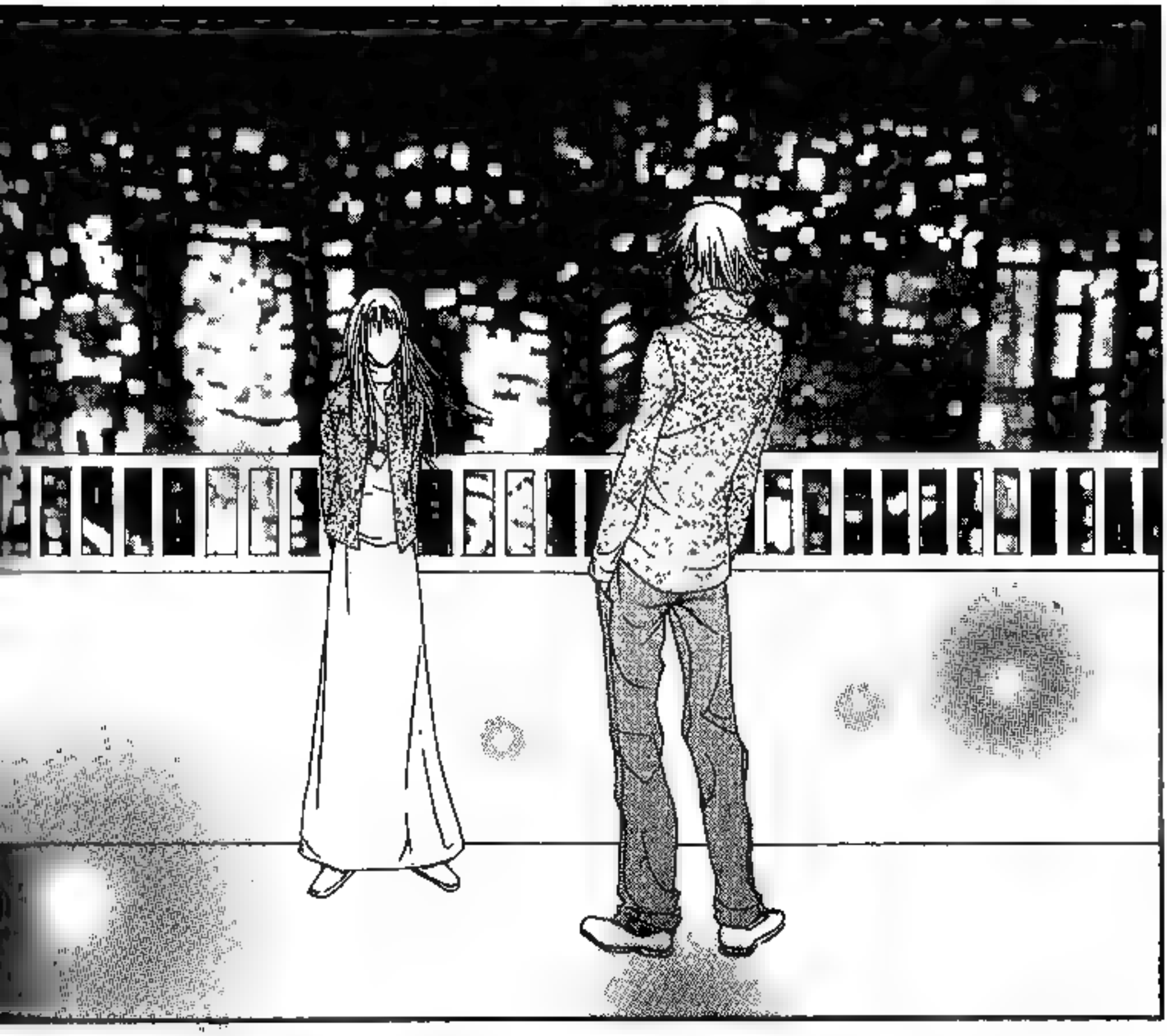
...THE...

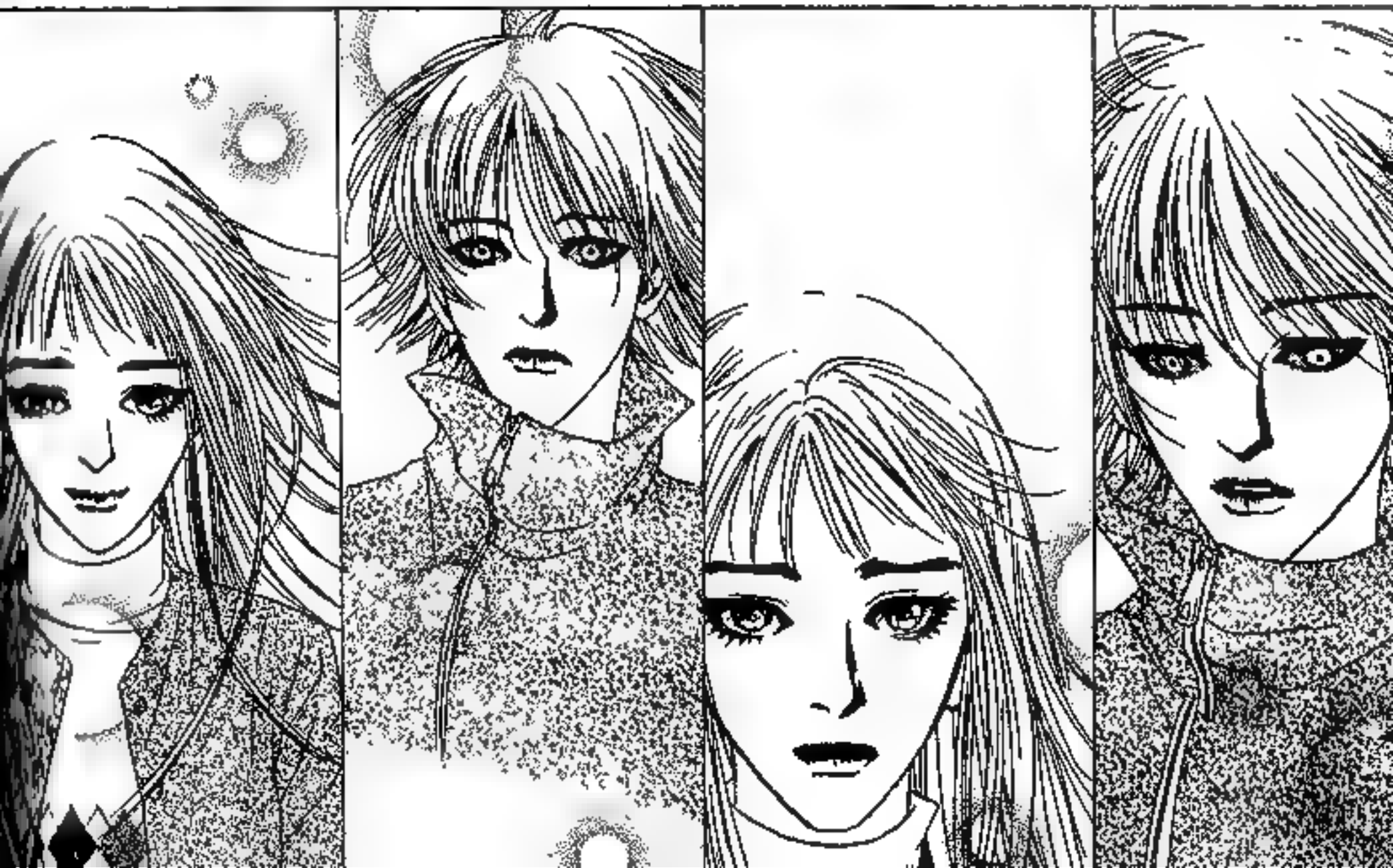
.....

YOU...

...ARE...

...NOT SUN-WHEE, ARE YOU?





I KNEW... YOU WOULDN'T WANT ME...

...IF I WASN'T THE REAL THING...

I KNEW IT WOULD BE...

...TOUGH TO CONVINCE YOU...

I'm getting an ulcer...

TSK.

YOU'RE THE MOST STUBBORN...

...HUMAN BEING...

I am a Return Man...

...WHO WANTED A RETURN MAN...

.....

THEN...

...WHAT...

...IS YOUR TRUE IDENTITY?

YOU CAN CONSIDER ME A PEACEFUL ALIEN.

For now...

ARE YOU A MARTIAN?

GWAH GWAH

GWAH GWAH

YOU LACK IMAGINA-TION...

Too Hollywood.

YOU HUMANS THINK ALL ALIENS ARE MARTIANS.

Especially bad ones...

SO WHAT ARE YOU?

.....

MA...

...MARTIAN.

At least act surprised?

--

Ha! I was right then!

YES, YOU WERE RIGHT

LIVE HAPPILY EVER AFTER...

PAT

...SI-RA

IF YOU DON'T...

...I THINK I'LL BE A BIT SAD...

--

WHAT ARE YOU...?

I'LL BE FINE.

MANY PEOPLE ACCEPT RETURN MEN

WAIT! DO ME A FAVOR?

...

IF YOU WANT TO CRY...

...JUST CRY, SI-RA

...IT'S NOT A WEAK-NESS; AT... ALL

TEARS ARE...

...THE ONLY GOOD THINGS...

...HUMANS CREATE.

LIAR!

YOU PROMISED...

...YOU'D NEVER LEAVE ME...

... ALONE AGAIN...

QUIT BEING SO CRUEL TO ...ME...

...OR ELSE!

I'M NOT KIDDING.

I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU ARE...

...JUST STAY WITH ME...

SO...

THAT...

...IS HOW IT HAPPENED.!

CRAP...

THE GOOD GUYS..

..WHO PROTECTED THE EARTH...

..DIED.

THEY

..ALL VANISHED.

THE ONLY PEOPLE LEFT..

..ON THIS DAMAGED EARTH...

..ARE WEAK...

AND SELFISH...

..LIKE US

ONLY US.

SO...

..WE WISH..

..FOR THE MARTIANS...

...TO CONQUER EARTH...

5

4...

3...

2...

1...

OH

GONGGGG

THERE'S THE FIRST BELL OF THE NEW YEAR.

GONGGGG

WE'RE BROADCASTING LIVE FROM JONGNO.

GONGGGG

OH

GONGGGG

MAKE YOUR WISH FOR THE NEW YEAR.

GONGGGG

THE BELL RINGS 108 TIMES...

...TO BANISH OUR 108 SUFFERINGS.

GONGGGG

HAPPY NEW YEAR, EVERYONE!

GONGGGG

IT'S QUITE AWKWARD... ISN'T IT?

YEAH...

My eyes hurt from crying..

DO YOU THINK I AM SELFISH?

OR WEAK?

DO THEY REALLY BROADCAST ALL 108 RINGS OF THE BELL?

DON'T KNOW~NEVER WATCHED IT TILL THE END BEFORE...

Isn't it 73 times?

OR STUPID?

WANNA WATCH THE WHOLE THING?

SURE.

LET'S TRY.

OR...

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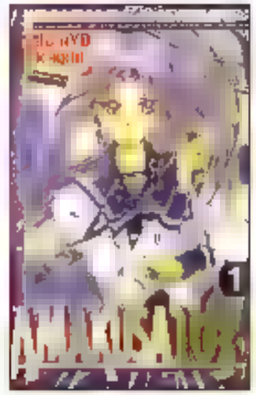

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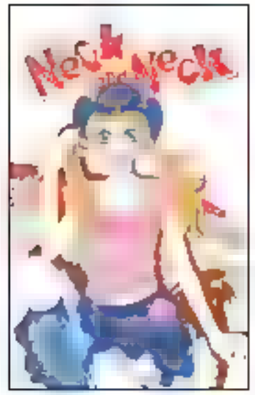

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WE'LL JUST STAY AS GOOD FRIENDS, MI-NO

PARDON?

Real Lies - Episode 2

IS IT REALLY IMPOSSIBLE?

BEFORE THE LOST CHILD VIRUS

ALMOST AN EQUAL NUMBER OF WOMEN AND MEN

LIVED ON EARTH, RIGHT?

WE LEARNED IN HISTORY CLASS THAT THE POPULATION WAS ONCE DETERMINED BY NATURAL BIRTH

WE WERE BORN BY A MAN AND A WOMAN AND NOT BY CLONE BEING CONTROLLED BY MACHINES CONCEIVED AS IT IS NOW IN 2000

WELL PEOPLE TALKED.

SO IT'S NOT LIKE THAT WAS SOMETHING

...I DIDN'T ALREADY KNOW ABOUT..

Still hard to believe, though...

WHAT I'M REALLY CURIOUS ABOUT IS.

UM... MISTER?

GULP

WOULD YOU LIKE SOME MORE MILK?

It's warm...

THANK YOU.

FILL HER UP PLEASE.

KLIK

KLIK

WEEE! I DID IT! I SPOKE TO HIM!

PSST

LUCKY! WHAT D D HE SAY?

We don't do milk refills! Sneaky!

PSST

HE SAID "THANK YOU" THEN "FILL HER UP PLEASE." HE'S SO POLITE. AND WHAT A SMILE!

PSST

THIS AUTOMATIC SMILE IS A PAIN..

SO EMBARRASSING...

DID YOU ASK FOR HIS AUTOGRAPH?

IT'S NOT EASY FOR US RECESSIVES TO MEET A DOMINANT!

SO, HIS BAR CODE REALLY STARTS WITH 1?

.....

*Dominant: straight male.
Recessive: male who lives as a female

SKRTCH SKRTCH

IS...

IS IT REALLY IMPOSSIBLE?

SWAP

WHO AM I?

.....
HMM...

MISS S-SE-RA?

HEY, NO FUN!

!T'S NOT FUN IF YOU ANSWER RIGHT AWAY, HON!

YOUR VOICE IS REALLY UNIQUE -- LIKE A BARITONE.

IS IT *HIM?*

THE WEIRDO WHO GOES OUT WITH FAKE WOMEN LIKE US?

HUH?

HE IS REALLY A DOMINANT, ISN'T HE?

His bar code starts with 1.

NO WAY...

HE IS CRUEL, ISN'T HE? IN MY 20 YEARS OF LIFE..

SO, DO YOU NOT..

...GET OFF ON ORIGINALS?

OR ARE YOU A PERV?

I HAVEN'T MET ANYONE AS WEIRD AS THIS BRO.

*Unbelievable that he's only 20

YOU'RE MEAN, RANG!

WHAT? I'M HONORED THAT HE'D DATE FAKE WOMEN LIKE US...

...WHEN HE'S ABLE TO SCREW GODDESSES*.

...

S-screw?

.....

WHATCHU LOOKIN' AT, B*TCH?

*Goddesses: females born from natural childbirth and therefore at the top of the societal hierarchy.

YOU DOMINANTS ARE SUCH SNOBS JUST 'CAUSE YOU CAN DO IT WITH GODDESSES!

BUT YOU'RE CLONE BROS JUST LIKE US.

"Made" men.

*All males are clones, none are naturally born.

OH, WAIT

THE DIFF IS YOU CAN MAKE BABIES!

PAK

PAK

WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU? HE'S NOT LIKE THAT!

I HATE YOU!

PAK

HONESTLY, BROS LIKE HIM KIND OF SCARE ME..

DON'T YOU FIND IT A PAIN...

...TO L VE AS A WOMAN?

PUTTING ON MAKE-UP IS SUCH A WASTE OF TIME.

SO'S PICKING OUT CLOTHES, ESPECIALLY SOMETHING TO HIDE YOUR ADAM'S APPLE.

I THINK YOU'D LOOK BETTER AS A MAN..

HE'S 180 CM TALL WITHOUT HIGH HEELS!

..AND I CAN'T HELP BEING MEAN TO HIM.

--

--

OH-HO!

YOU'VE GOT MORE GUTS THAN I THOUGHT...

AH WELL, I'S NOT LIKE YOU BECAME DOMI-NANT BECAUSE YOU WANTED TO BE!

OH-HA-H

BWA-HA-

SEE? I KNOW, I KNOW!

BEING A DOMINANT ISN'T A HANDICAP, STUPID!

...

BUT THAT WAS

...AN UNBELIEVABLY .

...REFRESHING LAUGH

EEEEK!

WHAT IF I JUMPED YOU AT NIGHT?

HUH?

BEWARE! I AM QUITE STRONG!

SHAKE

...

REALLY?

HOW?

SO, WHAT'S THE DEAL ANYWAY?

WHY CAN'T YOU GO BACK TO THE DORM?

HEH-HEH! MIND IF I SHOWER NOW?

SWISH

SWISH

--

S-SURE

THE TOWELS ARE--

SLAM

THANK YOU!

ER...

CREEEE

...LIKE AN ATTRACTIVE ROSE.

Real women - goddesses - don't have bar codes.

SHE HAD THE GREAT SENSE TO CHOOSE

A QUIET BEACH FOR OUR FIRST DATE...

02031515

MY CRUDE THOUGHTS AND NERVOUS EYES ♫

12:00

OH, MY MISTAKE..

I'M S-SORRY

You must be upset!

♫ MAYBE YOU CAN SEE ♫

♫ THAT LOVE.. ♫

S'OKAY I LIKE IT BETTER WITH MUSIC.

♫..IS LIKE A WAR ♫

♫ BECAUSE I'M DANGEROUS ♫

ALSO..

...SHE WAS KIND.

BUT..

♫ BECAUSE I LOVE YOU ♫

NO...

THIS ISN'T RIGHT, NINA-NIM!

THIS SONG IS SPOILING THE MOOD!

IT'S A GOOD SONG BUT...

...IT'S ABOUT A BREAK UP!

That so important?

What a weirdo!

HUH?

RIGHT

...

!!!

THE PROBLEM WAS...

...ME!

HESHHHH

THE MUSIC! SHEESH!

NO WONDER...

..SHE'S THE SIXTH PERSON IN A ROW TO TURN ME DOWN.

MY WEEK-LONG PASS WASTED!

ANYWAY

...IF I CAN'T CHANGE HER MIND IN A WEEK...

HA!

TRY THE 15TH GODDESS!

...I AM...

...SO DEAD!

UUH. I'M FINISHED WITH THE BATHROOM.

TEEK

RE

SORRY!

MY DIARY!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

FFT

HOW COULD YOU READ MY DIARY? YOU SUCK!

ARGH!

WHAM

OWWW!

THAT HURT!

....

HI CRAP!

I SAID I'M SORRY

GEEZ, IT WAS A WIG!

NO NEED TO CALL ME...

...MISS NOW!

At least he has a manly hairstyle..

BA-BUMP BA-BUMP

Better without the wig.

WHAT'S WITH THE FORMAL WRITING IN THE DIARY?

Why so polite?

...

I PLAN TO SHOW IT TO SOMEONE...

WHO?

GOD.

--

BWAHAHAHA

ARE YOU STUPID?

KNEW SHE WOULDN'T GET IT..

TSK

?

HAHAHA

...

WELL...

...I SEE WHY THE SONG WAS SO IMPORTANT!

IT SHOULD'VE BEEN "WONDERFUL TONIGHT" PLAYING ON THE RADIO.

THE CLAPTON SONG

BA

BUM

SWISH

WHAT

THE-?

WHO'S YOUR FAVORITE MEMBER OF G.O.D*?

POINT

JUST ANSWER!

WHY.. ?

*Korean boy band.

HO-YOUNG SON.

--

FAVORITE COLOR?

BLACK!

FAVORITE KOREAN MOVIE?

CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST.

RESPECTED PAINTER?

Respect, not favorite?

POLLOCK.

FAVORITE MANHWA CREATOR?

KYUNG-OK KANG

Mostly her early work

COUNTRY YOU WANT TO VISIT?

INDIA.

This is kinda fun.

NO... NO WAY!

SAME TASTE IN EVERYTHING!

Even talks the same..

HUFF

HUFF

.....?

IT'S MY TURN TO ASK YOU A QUESTION THEN...

WHAT DID YOU ASK GOD?

I MEAN, WHAT WAS "REALLY IMPOSSIBLE"?

WHAT DO YOU REALLY WANT?

HUH?

I... WANT TO...

...BECOME...

MUNICIPAL DOMINANT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

HERE, SIR! MINE IS CHOCOLATE!

PLANES!

MINE'S A TEDDY BEAR!

BASEBALL!

WHOA, GUYS!

I HAVE TO CALL ON YOU FIRST, OKAY?

ME!

HERE!

MY FAVORITE THING

LET'S SEE NOW...

I LIKE THE GODDESSES, SIR!

MI-NO'S TURN!

MY FAVORITE THING

MI-NO'S FAVORITE THING IS A GODDESS.

BESIDES, THAT WAS MY FIRST BOLD PUBLIC CONFESSION.

I WAS ONLY FORGIVEN

MY FAVORITE THING - SI- -LENCE

FOR THAT STATEMENT BECAUSE I WAS JUST A KID.

SHOULD I CHIDE HIM FOR COMPARING THE GODDESSES TO CANDY OR TOYS?

HEE HEE HEE

ONLY 5 YRS OLD.

DOMINANT KIDS ARE USUALLY SCARED OF THE GODDESSES.

WAAAAH

SNIFF

WAAAAH

SNIFF

← Normal reaction.

SAY "RESPECT" RATHER THAN "LIKE"! MI-NO!

BUT THAT MEANS HE'S A "NATURAL BORN" DOMINANT

HA HA

I CAN'T EVEN REMEMBER WHEN BUT..

..I WAS ATTRACTED TO THE GODDESSES FROM A REALLY YOUNG AGE.

"RESPECT"

"RE-SPECT"!

ISN'T WHAT I'D CALL IT.

LADIES FIRST!

IT WAS A DEEPER EMOTION.

OH

THANK YOU

MY PLEASURE!

GODDESSES WERE DIFFERENT.

NOT SIMPLE AND ROUGH.

Look at him.

Good, huh?

...LIKE WE WERE.

THEY WERE DELICATE AND SOPHISTI-CATED...

...WHICH I FOUND...

ATTRACTIVE

THAT'S WHY MY NICKNAME WAS..

CUT IT OUT YOU..

..GODDESS MANIAC!

WOW, CHECK OUT WHAT SHE'S WEARING.

SHE HAS THE SAME SENSE OF FASHION AS YEJN-SOO-NIM, THE 8TH GODDESS.

WE KNOW YOU'RE REALLY INTO THE GODDESSES. .

BUT THIS IS TOO MUCH!

YEAH AND THAT "GIRL" WAS JUST A RECESSIVE

WHAT IF "SHE" LIKES YOU BACK?

I'M NOT GAY!

HOW CRUEL

YOU'RE WEIRD!

HOW COULD SA-RA-NIM PICK SUCH A FREAK?

--!

...

SA-RA-NIM...

.NOBEL AWARD WINNER WHOSE HOBBY IS GROWING ORCHIDS AND FAVORITE COLOR IS PURPLE.

THE 1ST EVER GODDESS.

HE MEMORIZES EVERYTHING..

Weirdo.

HE'S A MANIAC.

ANYWAY, CONGRATULATIONS!

FLIK

WHAT A BREAK! PICKED BY THE 1ST GODDESS!

Others will have high expectations now...

TRY TO MAKE IT WITH AT LEAST ONE GODDESS.

YOU'LL MAKE HISTORY AS THE FATHER OF A NEW GODDESS.

GOOD LUCK!

OKAY, TIME TO REVIEW

ON YOUR FIRST DATE WITH A GODDESS, DO YOU GO FOR 1ST BASE, 2ND BASE, 3RD BASE OR A HOMERUN?

=SIGH= I SHOULD'VE PAID MORE ATTENTION IN VR DATING CLASS.

I'M SO JEALOUS

WHAT? MI-NO LOOKS CONFUSED!

THE QUESTION TOO HARD FOR THE AMATEUR?

HEE HEE HEE HEE HEE HEE

WELL?

Easy, boys.

DORK'S

ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?

THE SECOND I MAKE EYE CONTACT WITH HER...

...I SWING FOR THE FENCES!

FORGIVE ME, GOD.

와 WOW 아

I LIED TO LIVEN UP THEIR LIVES.

A LITTLE WHITE LIE.

Only 17.

WELL, IT WASN'T A TOTAL LIE...

I'M A YOUNG DOMINANT...

BLUSHING

I can't help...

...being a wolf.

BUT...

ACTUALLY, THE SECOND I MADE EYE CONTACT WITH HER I WANTED... TO TRY TO STRIKE UP A CONVERSATION.

"I LIKE YOUR DREAMY WRITING STYLE."

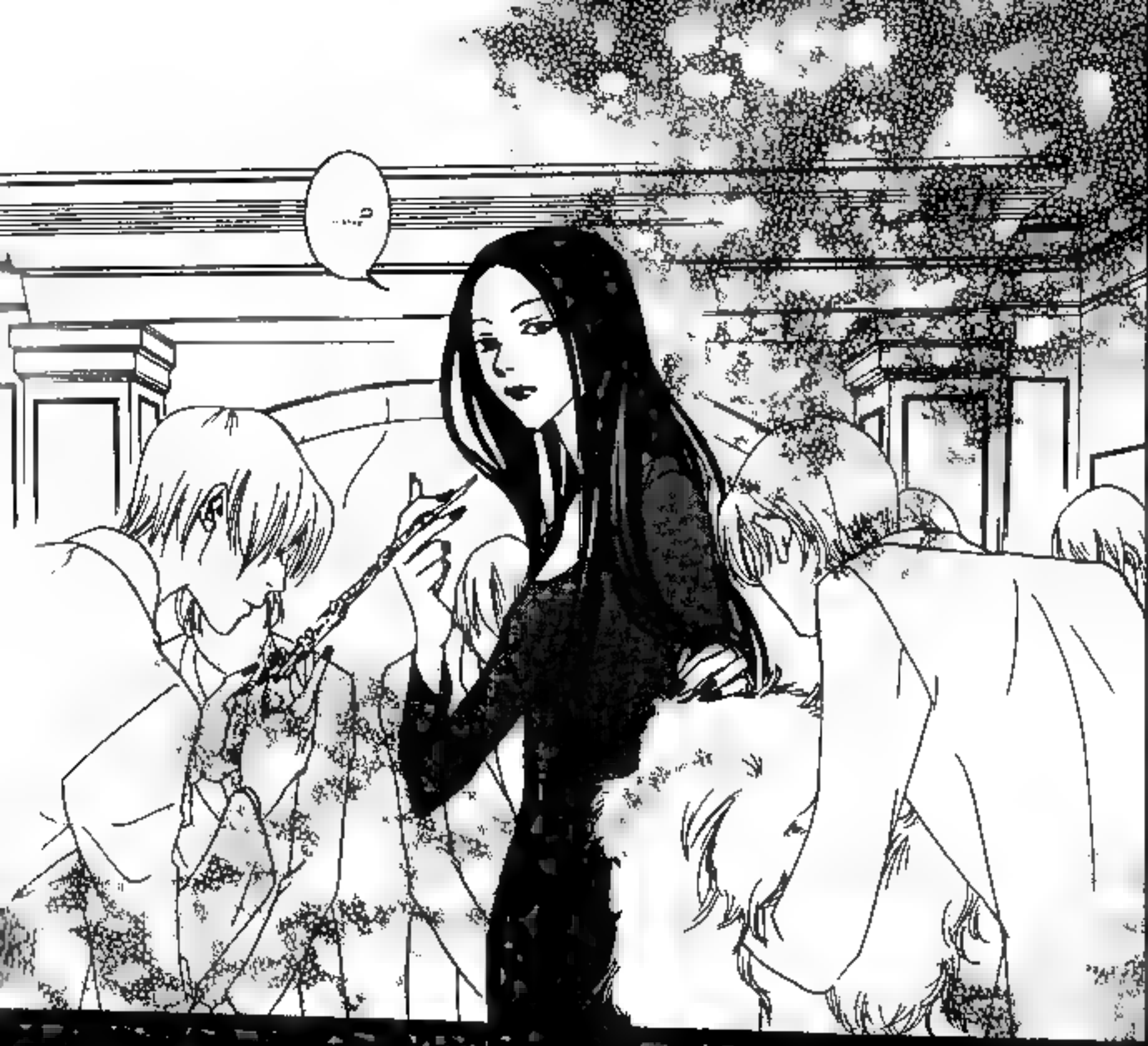
"IS IT HARD TO GROW ORCHIDS?"

"REALLY, PURPLE IS MY SECOND FAVORITE COLOR NEXT TO BLACK"

AND COY LITTLE CONFESSIONS LIKE THAT.

WHAT'S UP?

IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG?


...?

IF THIS ONE DOESN'T PUT YOU IN THE MOOD.
..WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRY ANOTHER ROOM?

SO.

...I KNEW IT WOULDN'T BE EASY.

I'D NEVER HEARD OF A DOMINANT...

...BECOMING FRIENDS WITH A GODDESS.

I REALLY HAD FUN, MI-NO.

YOU'RE MORE THAN JUST A DOMINANT

WE SEEM TO HAVE SO MUCH IN COMMON.

WISH U

REALLY?

YES, AND..

AND WHAT? HUH?

TELL ME MORE PLEASE! MORE!

SIGH

NO

Mi-No's heart

YOU'RE GOOD-LOOKING AND GOOD IN BED.

I'M PROUD OF MY CHOICE.

YOU HAVE MUCH POTENTIAL TO BE A GOOD FATHER

I'LL BE SURE TO TELL THE OTHER GODDESSES ABOUT YOU.

KOAK

Mi-No's heart

THANK YOU, SA-RA-NIM.

I... WAS WOUNDED.

...HE CRIES? WHAT DEDICATION.

"I CAN GET CLOSER TO MY DREAM AS I DREAM MORE ABOUT IT."

ALL I NEEDED...

CLENCH

...WAS BRAVERY AND DETERMINATION!

WHICH I MUSTERED UP.

SUNG-HEE, THE 6TH GODDESS.

UM...

DO YOU THINK WE CAN BE FRIENDS, SUNG-HEE-NIM?

...JUST LAUGH IT OUT

BWA-HA HA-HA!

This is the last beer.

AT THE CORNER HE MAY PASS M... HIS FRIENDS

HA HA HA HA HA

THANKS...

--.

WOO

OOOK

DON'T BE SO DOWN. SUNG-HEE HAS A TEMPER...

YOU STILL HAVE A CHANCE WITH THE OTHERS.

RCUITY NDS

PAT PAT

PAT PAT

...

YOU KNOW SUNG-HEE-NIM?

But no respect?

.....

I KNOW HER.

HA

IT'S OVER.

WOULD YOU BELIEVE THAT I'VE BEEN REJECTED BY THE OTHER GODDESSES SINCE THEN?

I DOUBT...

THAT GULP

...HER TEMPER HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH IT.

.....

HEY, LET ME ASK YOU SOMETHING

WHY DO ALL GODDESSES THINK...

...“LET'S BE FRIENDS” MEANS “I THINK YOU'RE UGLY”?

Even Nina-Nim...

HIC HIC

DID YOU SERIOUSLY SAY THAT TO MORE THAN ONE GODDESS?

Wait, how would I know anyway?

AW, HECK.

ISN'T THAT WHY YOU LAUGHED AT ME?

I THOUGHT IT WAS ONLY THAT ONE TIME!

WHAT YOU DID IS LIKE...

LIKE WHAT?

LIKE...

LIKE...?

...

IT'S LIKE BONO AND CELINE DION SINGING A DUET OF "MY HEART WILL GO ON."

SHHOOP

MEANING...

...I'M STRANGE?

NO, DUDE!

BOTH SINGERS ARE GREAT, BUT TOGETHER..

...IT'S JUST WRONG! YOU CAN'T BE FRIENDS WITH A GODDESS AND A STUD AT THE SAME TIME!

AH-HA

Makes sense despite the weird analogy

BY THE WAY...

...WHY DO YOU WANT A GODDESS FOR A FRIEND?

I WANT TO SHARE A DRINK WITH HER AT A STREET BAR AND TALK ABOUT LIFE...

HUH

THAT SIMPLE, HUH?

YES.

HAHA

...

KEEP DREAMING THEN

A goddess at a street bar?

...

YEAH.

ALL RIGHT, IT'S YOUR TURN TO TELL YOUR SECRET STORY.

ARE YOU TRYING TO BE FRIENDS WITH ME?

YEAH, BABY!

I'M JUST A SUBSTITUTE?

MAYBE!

He's drunk!

I HATE YOU!

YES, I'M SO HATEFUL!

THE LOST CHILD VIRUS WAS A KIND OF CURSE..

...THAT GREW FROM MERE THOUGHTS OF ABORTION...

...THE BABY SENSED THESE COLD THOUGHTS AND DIED.

AS THE VIRUS SPREAD, GIRL FETUSES KILLED THEMSELVES SO MOSTLY BOYS WERE BORN.

CRAZY, HUH?

PEOPLE PANICKED THAT HUMANKIND MIGHT BE WIPED OUT, SO FEMALES WERE ELEVATED TO GODDESS STATUS AS A WAY TO TRICK PARENTS INTO SPARING THE GIRLS.

THEY ALL WANTED SONS?

Really?

BUT DON'T YOU THINK PEOPLE MISSED THE POINT?

VOLKSWAGEN

BEETLE RUNS SLOWLY SHE SHAPE IS ROUND MOROOMY AT THE CORNER, HE MAY MISS MANY OF HIS FRIENDS

THE ONLY THING THAT CAN SAVE THE WORLD.

...IS UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

100% TRULY SELFLESS LOVE

THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE.

MERE HUMANS ARE MAYBE CAPABLE OF 80% PURE LOVE!

...

MAKES SENSE.

HA HA

ANYWAY, TIME FOR BED!

SERIOUS TALK GIVES ME A HEADACHE!

I should shower

I'M NOT DONE!

SLAM

ARE YOU RUNNING AWAY?

YOU DIDN'T REALLY TALK ABOUT YOURSELF!

IF YOU REALLY KNEW ME...

FSHHHHH

...YOU PROBABLY WOULDN'T WANT TO BE FRIENDS

THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE WRONG!

WE CAN BE FRIENDS NO MATTER HOW WEIRD YOU ARE.

Can't be weirder than me.

.....

FSHHHH

I'M A TERRORIST!

TSK! STOP JOKING!

I'M SERIOUS!

STOP ALREADY!

MY DREAM IS...

CREEEEK

탈칵

.. IS TO DESTROY THE WORLD.

AND BE FREE

HOW CAN..

...DESTROYING THE WORLD MAKE SOMEONE FREE?

STILL WANNA BE FRIENDS?

DEAR GOD...

..HOW COULD SHE HAVE SUCH A CRAZY DREAM?

WAIT... WAIT A MINUTE!

WHERE DID YOU GET THOSE BREASTS?

They look real!

THESE?

WHOOOOSH

IT IF IT IT

NATURALLY...

...THESE ARE SILICON

BUT THAT'S...

...ILLEGAL.

HUH?

HUH?

EVER HEAR OF THE BLACK MARKET?

OF COURSE NOT!

...

SO?

...

UH...

CAN I TOUCH THEM?

Intriguing...

WANNA DIE?

JUST GO TO BED!

IDIOT!

WHAT A WASTE OF LIPSTICK...

He watches too many movies.

DEAR RANC.

SORRY FOR LEAVING WITHOUT SAYING GOODBYE. HAD A GOOD TIME LAST NIGHT. I'M GIVING UP MY DREAM. BUT HOPE YOURS COMES TRUE.

P.S. DREAMING ABOUT FREEDOM IS COOL

HEH II

P.S. DREAMING ABOUT FREEDOM IS COOL BUT STOP DREAMING AND DESTROY THE WORLD ALREADY.

MI-NO

I KNEW YOU'D COME RIGHT AWAY IF I CALLED YOU.

DID HE THINK I WAS JOKING?

NOT THAT YOU HAVE A CHOICE ANYWAY.

THAT'S RIGHT, GOD... I HAVE NO CHOICE.

YOU KNOW...

...THE LIFE OF A DOMINANT WITHOUT THE GODDESSES...

I OVERREACTED...

...

.IS SADNESS ITSELF.

PEOPLE WILL POINT FINGERS...

HE WILL. .

DIE SAD AND ALONE.

I'M A COWARD SO. .

I CAN'T TAKE--.

PARDON?

WHAT D'D YOU SAY?

I SAID IT WAS A WISE CHOICE NOT TO GO OUTWITH THE 13TH GODDESS

BECAUSE OF WHAT HAPPENED WITH ME, I WORRIED ABOUT YOU

TEACHERS USED TO SCARE US

. WITH STORIES ABOUT THE 13TH GODDESS TO KEEP US IN LINE.

BEHAVE OR YOU WILL GO TO THE 13TH GODDESS

WAAAH

WE WERE EVEN AFRAID TO SAY HER NAME.

SHE DOESN'T APPRECIATE WHAT SHE HAS...

...AND DREAMS ABOUT IMPOSSIBLE THINGS LIKE "PURE LOVE".

YOU'LL NEVER HAVE A NORMAL BABY WITH HER.

Only dishonor comes with being her man..

THE ONLY THING THAT CAN SAVE THE WORLD IS UNCONDITIONAL LOVE.

SHE'S ONLY ALIVE BECAUSE OF GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION.

SHE'S RUINING OUR REPUTATION.

SHE'S CHOSEN THE MOTHER TOWER, SO SHE MIGHT SUCCEED THIS TIME.

And hopefully go away..

HUH, M-NO?

LONG GONE

RANG!

AREN'T YOU... UH... COLD WEARING ONLY THOSE CLOTHES?

TAKE MY COAT...

헉 HUFF

헉 HUFF

헉 HUFF

헉 HUFF

헉 HUFF

...AND COME DOWN FROM THERE! HURRY!

HOW COULD YOU LIE TO ME?

YOU DON'T WANT TO DESTROY THE WORLD--YOU WANT TO KILL YOURSELF!

WELL, IT'S THE END OF THE WORLD FOR ME!

Same thing.

헉 HUFF

헉 HUFF

NONSENSE, RANG!

YOU FORGOT "NIM"!

헉 HUFF

HUFF

THAT'S NOT...

...IM?!

WHOMP

HEY! WAKE UP!

NOW

NICE WORK ON THE STARS, GOD.

I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH PRETTY STARS BEFORE

HUH?

YOU IDIOT!

OOM

CHOO

HOW FAR D-D YOU RUN?

WHAT?! I WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU!

WOULD YOU BE HERE IF I WEREN'T A GODDESS?

Stupid.

OF COURSE...

.....

I... CAN'T SAY FOR SURE.

White lies!

UH, IT'S OKAY TO LIE SOMETIMES...

←Rang's coat

LIKE HOW TO LIE...

THEN WHY NOT TEACH ME?

OKAY! THAT'S EASY...

BUT... I WON'T BE YOUR FRIEND.

WHY NOT?!

WELL... IT'S LIKE...

...IF I CAN'T FIND THE REMOTE...

...THERE'S NO WAY I'LL TURN ON THE TV MANUALLY!

WHAT?

THAT'S SO STUPID...

Another weird analogy.

HOWEVER...

...SHE DOES MAKE SENSE, NO?

She does things her way.

JUST TURN IT ON!

AND..

I DON'T REALLY MIND...

LEMME BUY YOU A DRINK...

...AT A STREET BAR

?!

...THE IDEA OF US NOT BEING FRIENDS.

I CAN'T EXPLAIN WHY, THOUGH.

The end of "Is It Really Impossible?"

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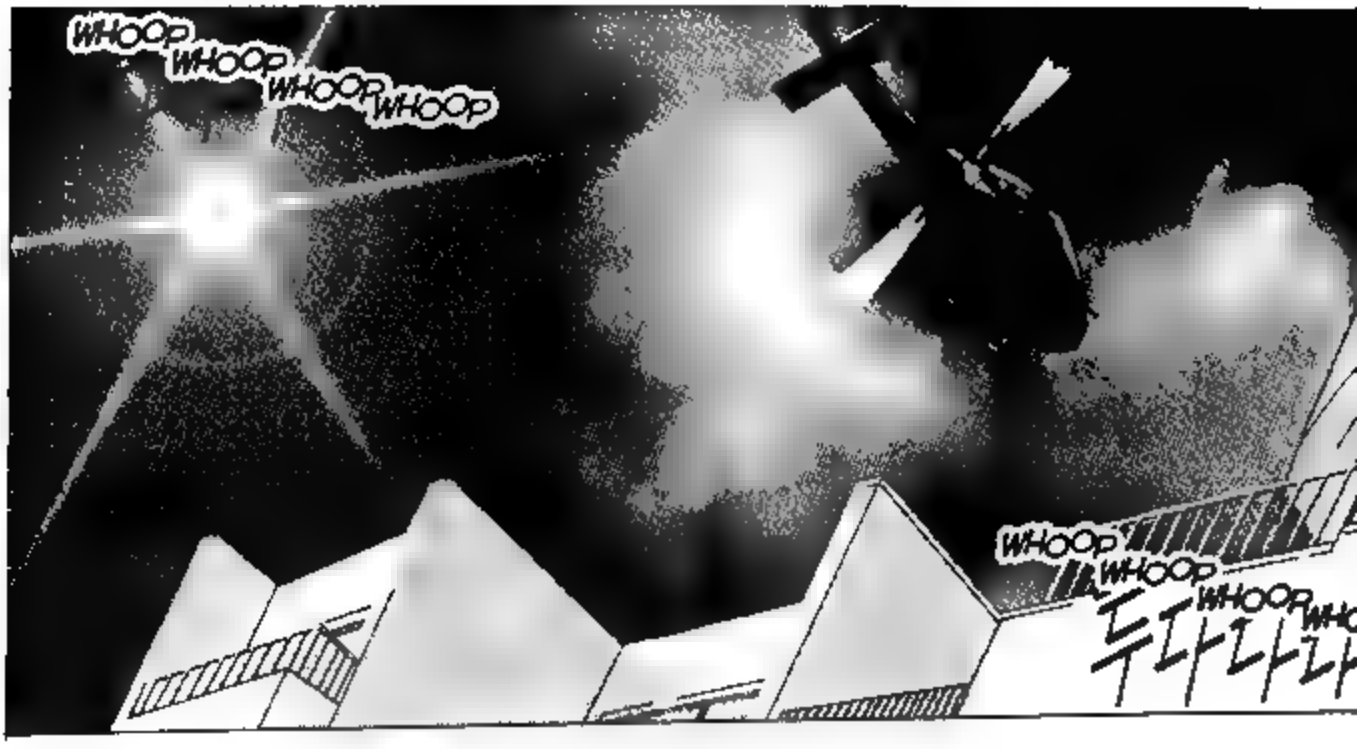
FINALLY...

...KIVA IS DEAD.



THANKS TO HER...

...I'VE LOST MY RIGHT ARM, BUT THAT'S NOT A PROBLEM.
(The innerface computer will pay me well again.)

THE ONLY PROBLEM IS THAT I'M CONFUSED BY A FEELING OF EMPTINESS, AND I CAN'T EXPLAIN WHY.

I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT I, TROY, CAN EVEN FEEL THIS WAY...

HURRAH! HELLO! NICE TO MEET YOU!
YOU'RE MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN I IMAGINED.
WOW! I'M SO EXCITED!

HA HA
HA HA
DIDN'T YOU SEE THE "NO SOLICITING" SIGN ON THE DOOR?
GO AWAY BEFORE I CALL THE POLICE
SLAM
UH. THIS IS THE RECIPIENT'S ADDRESS HA-HA-HA
SORRY BUT ABOUT YOU YOON-[illegible]-1999?
IT'S BUT

THIS IS STRANGE.
I ORDERED AN A.I. ROBOT...
GLING
DING! DING! DING! YES, I AM THAT ROBOT! IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU, MISTRESS♥
W-WHAT?
SHOOOP

SCIENCE-FICTION STORY
Real Lies — Episode 3

WHAT DO YOU MEAN DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE SHIPPING AND HANDLING?!
He walked here!
AND I'M SURE IT'S A USED ROBOT. IT WASN'T WRAPPED
SHOULDN'T IT HAVE BEEN IN NEW PACKAGING?
...
AND I DIDN'T ORDER A HUMAN LOOKING ROBOT...
You know why.

COME ON, DON'T KNOCK IT TILL YOU'VE TRIED IT.
HE'S THE MOST POPULAR RENTAL ROBOT THAT WE HAVE
RENTAL ROBOT? WHAT?
YES, CONSIDER THIS A LOANER
THE ONE YOU ORDERED WAS OUTDATED!
Who still uses analog robots?
TRY HIM FOR A MONTH.
You won't regret it.
...SO YOU CAN DO WHATEVER YOU WANT WITH HIM.
GLNG
IT'S YOURS UNTIL WE TAKE IT BACK...
WHAT?

YOU JUST HAD A SEXY THOUGHT, DIDN'T YOU? HA-HA!
YOU! TURN OFF YOUR HEARING SYSTEM OR DIE!
BLUSH
WHAT... WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
YES♥ MISTRESS.
PAK
BLOCKING HIS EARS?
OH, COME ON, HE'S ONLY A ROBOT...
...SO DON'T BE SO MODEST
BUT IT'S EYES ARE
NO...
...IT'S THE LOOK...

ANYWAY, YOU SHOULD THANK ME FOR BE NG SUCH A GOOD FRIEND. NOT EVERY-ONE CAN GET THEIR HANDS ON THIS PROTOTYPE!
WHATEVER! YOU'RE ONLY USING ME TO MAKE A SALE! THIS MODEL IS TOO EXPENSIVE FOR ME TO MAINTAIN!
HEE-HEE! YOU'RE TOO SMART FOR ME! GOTTA GO, BUDDY!
HELLO? HEY!
YOU!!!
KLIK
KLIK
DAMN IT!
TURN ON!
SMASH
I SAID, ON!
BANG

HOW FRUSTRATING!
WOW, I CAN'T BELIEVE THESE ANTIQUE STYLE STAIRS STILL EXIST!
I THOUGHT THEY WENT OBSOLETE 100 YEARS AGO.
THE TELEPHONE IS ALSO AN ANTIQUE, ISN'T IT?
.....
I HEARD THAT YOU'RE QUITE THE

...OTAKU!
SHAK
NO! I'M JUST A FAN OF THE 20TH CENTURY.
WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AN OTAKU AND A FAN, MISTRESS?
Hmm..
RAAAH
OTAKUS ARE... TOO CREEPY!
.....?
How disappointing.
WHEW I HEARD OTAKU OWNERS ASK US TO DO WEIRD THINGS. I WAS AFRAID..
WHERE'D YOU HEAR THAT?!

FROM MY ROBOT FRIENDS.
!
OH, NO!
I FORGOT THAT MASTERS WOULDN'T LIKE IT IF THEY FOUND OUT WE TALKED ABOUT THEM!
WAP WAP
I can't keep a secret...
FRIENDS ROBOTS HAVE FRIENDS TOO?
DO THEY ALWAYS TALK BEHIND OUR BACKS?
HOW ANNOYING
My master is a terror.
Be careful!
PSST PSST
PSST PSST
In her head.
SIGH

WELL, THIS IS THE BASEMENT.
YOU KNOW WHERE EVERYTHING IS SO YOU'RE GOOD FOR A MONTH, RIGHT?
YES, MISTRESS!
BUT... WHAT'S THAT ROOM?
.....?
BAM!
WIGGLE
I'M WARNING YOU...

DON'T EVER...

YOU'LL BE DECOMMISSIONED IF YOU DISOBEY FOR ANY REASON.

UNDERSTAND?

...OPEN THIS DOOR!

ARE YOU SCARED?
OH! HUH
MY THREAT IS WORKING.
OHH, HOW INTRIGUING, MISTRESS♥
Like the story of Blue Beard.
--!
BA-BUMP
BA-BUMP
BA-BUMP
I WON'T BE ABLE TO SLEEP---MY HEART IS BEATING SO FAST
Am I that curious?

Are the bodies of your ex-wives in there?
I mean, ex-husbands?
I'M ONLY GOING TO TELL YOU THIS ONCE.
HM?
SOME PEOPLE THINK IT'S CUTE AND TREAT ROBOTS LIKE HUMANS BUT I CAN'T STAND IT.
I HATE WHEN YOU ROBOTS TRY TO ACT LIKE HUMANS.
ER...
AND I THINK THERE'S NOTHING WORSE THAN A ROBOT...
...FEIGNING CURIOSITY LIKE A HUMAN.

I'M SO SORRY, MISTRESS.
I WON'T DO THAT AGAIN.
PLEASE, DON'T GET RID OF ME.
THE WEIRD THING WAS...
I ONLY TOLD IT TO STOP ACTING LIKE A HUMAN...
.. AND THE DAMN ROBOT CRIED! IT WAS SO ANNOYING
IT LOOKS LIKE AN ADULT BUT...
..IT CRIED!
SNFF
SNFF
I was only trying to make you laugh because I was afraid.

YOU'RE FEELING SORRY FOR HIM, AREN'T YOU? YOU'RE QUITE SOFT.
THEY'RE NOT REAL TEARS ANYWAY. IT'S ONLY SALINE SOLUTION TO KEEP HIS EYES FROM DRYING OUT.
FEELING SORRY?
YOU'RE BEING QUITE COLD.
It looks like a human anyway..
AND YOU STILL CALL HIM IT. YOU HAVEN'T NAMED HIM, HAVE YOU?
WHAT FOR? I'M GONNA SEND IT BACK.
YOU USED TO BE QUITE SWEET EVEN JUST A FEW YEARS AGO.
YOU TREATED YOUR NANNY ROBOT LIKE IT WAS YOUR MOM AND WHEN IT WAS TIME TO GET RID OF IT BECAUSE IT WAS TOO OLD...
NO.
DON'T LEAVE ME
.....!
:SIGH: YOU'RE SO STUBBORN.
YOU WEREN'T LIKE THAT BEFORE.
REMEMBER? WHAT WAS THE ROBOT'S NAME AGAIN?

I DON'T WANT TO BE ALONE!
I FORGOT IT WAS A LONG TIME AGO.
KIYA!
LIAR! I KNOW YOUR OBSESSIVE PERSONALITY!
You're an Otaku!
DID YOU WANT AN OLDER ROBOT MODEL TO NAME AFTER YOUR NANNY?
WHY ARE YOU BRINGING UP THE PAST NOW?
OKAY, RELAX. NO NEED TO GET MAD.
↑ Actually, she really did
ANYWAY, WHAT IS IT DOING?
HOW SHOULD I KNOW? I TOLD HIM TO KEEP AWAY FROM ME.
I haven't seen him all week
WHAT? ARE YOU SERIOUS?

WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO IF HE BREAKS DOWN?
You break it, you buy it.
WHAT?
LIKE THE HUMAN BODY...
...HE NEEDS A REGULAR SUPPLY OF ENERGY.
IT'S LIKE DYING FROM STARVATION!
WHERE'S IT HIDING?
IS IT ALREADY...?
WHH
HEY, WHERE ARE YOU?

(하) HUFF
(하) HUFF
MAN, THIS IS A PAIN!
D'OH!!
YOU... YOU CALLED, MISTRESS?
DO YOU FORGIVE ME NOW?
FEEBLE
(우) (오) HUH
A BIG PAIN!

IT'S DELICIOUS!
DRIP
NUM NUM
DRIP
IT'S REALLY DELICIOUS♥!
EAT OR CRY! PICK ONE!
Enjoy that expired food
I AM SO HONORED...
WHY AM I SERVING YOU?!
YOU CALL YOURSELF A ROBOT?!
!
Save the planet! Recycle milk cartons.
HUH?
NUM NUM NUM
Easy or your mouth will explode.
YOU LOOK HUMAN, SO HOW CAN SOMEONE TELL THAT YOU'RE A ROBOT?

I LACK FINGERNAILS AND TOENAILS
WANNA SEE MY TOES TOO?
Young masters like this kind of stuff...
BLECH
WHY WOULD I WANT TO SEE THAT?
IT'S A GOVERNMENT REGULATION TO DISTINGUISH US FROM ILLEGALLY ASSEMBLED ROBOTS.
I'M ONE OF A FEW FORMAL HUMAN TYPE ROBOTS APPROVED BY THE GOVERNMENT.
Only for rent, though.
THAT'S FUNNY
THE GOVERNMENT USED TO SAY FORMAL HUMAN TYPE ROBOTS WERE UNRELIABLE, BUT THEY APPROVE OF THEM NOW?

THE GOVERNMENT COULDN'T STOP IT!
HUMANS GET WHAT THEY WANT EVEN IF IT'S ILLEGAL.
FOR EXAMPLE, THE CIGARETTES YOU REALLY LIKE...
!
...ARE BAD FOR YOUR HEALTH. BUT IMAGINE IF THE GOVERNMENT BANNED THEM?
INSTEAD THE GOVERNMENT REGULATES PRODUCTION, DOESN'T IT?
WELL, THEY PROFIT FROM THEM...
...BUT THAT'S ANOTHER STORY.
IT MAKES SENSE!
It's smarter than I thought
CIGARETTES ARE BETTER FOR HUMANS THAN ROBOTS ARE

WHAT DO OTHER HUMANS WANT FROM ROBOTS?
At least cigarettes taste good.
OH? YOU DON'T KNOW...
WE ROBOTS CANNOT DISAPPOINT OR BETRAY...
...HUMANS.

PEOPLE CAN THINK ONE THING...
...AND SAY ANOTHER THING TO YOUR FACE
SO, DOESN'T IT MAKE SENSE TO WANT A ROBOT THAT ACTS AND THINKS AS PROGRAMMED?

AS A FORMAL HUMAN TYPE ROBOT, I HAVE ALL THOSE FEATURES! AND I'M ALSO GOVERNMENT APPROVED♥!
HEY.. YOU SOUND LIKE A SALESMAN!
Must be full now.
MILK

YOU CAN JUST CHOOSE A FUTURE...

SO HOW ABOUT "CUTE UNDERCLASSMAN BROTHER" MODE?

"GOOD LOOKIN' MODE"

"REWARDING BOYFRIEND" MODE OR POPULAR KID

WHATEVER YOU WANT

...I CAN DO...
MILK
MILK
ANYTHING...
...I WANT?
YES...
ANYTHING...
THEN...

...SHOW ME "HUMAN FRIENDS" EPISODE 1032 TO THE PRESENT PLEASE.
HMOO
UM.
OH?
MY TV'S BEEN BROKEN FOR WEEKS. AND MY PERSONAL ROBOT BROKEN WAY BEFORE THAT
CAN'T YOU CONNECT TO THE NET?
GO TO THE WEBS TE AND..
..CL CK PLAY
Robots can be used as PCs too
~ ~ ~ ~
I'm not a Chobit.
"HUMAN FRIENDS", A SHOW BASED ON A REAL ROBOT HUNTER TEAM CALLED "HUMAN FRIENDS". THE GOVERNMENT CREATED THE ANIMATION AND USED IT FOR PROPAGANDA. IT'S BEEN ON AIR FOR OVER 10 YEARS.

ARGH!
I'M SORRY, MISTRESS! I DON'T HAVE SUCH A FUNCTION!
WHAT?!
THEY MADE ME AS HUMAN AS POSSIBLE...
SNIFF
SNIFF
YOU CAN'T DO A SIMPLE THING LIKE THAT?! DON'T TELL ME YOU DON'T DO HOLOGRAPHS EITHER!
SO SORRY! SORRY!
WHAT KIND OF ROBOT ARE YOU?!
And why are you blubbering?
WOO
YOU CALL YOURSELF THE BEST?
What the hell is this?
MILK
OOM
WAAAH
I'M SORRY. I'M REALLY SORRY, MISTRESS!
WHY IS HE SO WEIRD?

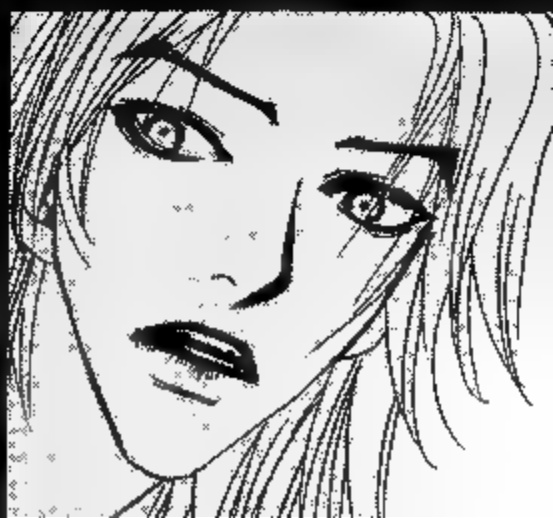
YOU SHOULDA SEEN HIM TRY TO FIX THE TV! HE WOULDA BLOWN IT UP IF I DIDN'T TELL HIM WHAT TO DO!
AH~ RIGHT, DID I MENTION HIS HAIR?
HA-HA-HA. THAT'S CUTE. CLUMSY CAN BE CUTE..
HE SAID HE COPIED ELVIS!
It's not even close..
WHAT? BWA-HA-HA-HA! HE PROBABLY WANTED TO IMPRESS YOU BECAUSE YOU'RE A 20TH CENTURY OTAKJ.
I'M A FAN, NOT AN OTAKU!
ANYWAY, I TOLD HIM TO DITCH THAT HAIRSTYLE...
CREEEEK
"HUMAN FRIENDS" WILL START IN 5 MINUTES, MISTRESS!
OH, OKAY!

ARGHHH!
BLAM!
TROY
IS THE BEST
FOR SURE.

OH, YOU'RE A TROY* FAN, MISTRESS.
IT MAKES SENSE. HE'S THE COOLEST AND HE'S ALWAYS RIGHT.
You have the same hair too.
← Just washed his hair.
I LIKE FUNNY WOM* OR CLUMSY DROPER* BECAUSE THEY'RE CUTE

*CHARACTERS FROM "HUMAN FRIENDS" THEY'RE VERY POPULAR AND EACH ONE HAS A FAN CLUB

WELL... HE'S AN INTERESTING CHARACTER BUT.
I DON'T LIKE HIM BECAUSE HE'S THE BEST CHARACTER ON "HUMAN FRIENDS"
(Nor he is a good looking.)
IT'S BECAUSE HE'S THE WEAKEST ONE.
WHAT? REALLY?
Weakest?
IT'S NOT TRUE THAT TROY DOESN'T LIKE ROBOTS...



I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYONE TALK ABOUT HIM LIKE YOU DO.
EVERYONE JUST TALKS ABOUT HOW GOOD HE IS AT DISGUISING HIMSELF AND HOW EASILY HE CAN KILL ROBOTS
AND HE NEVER FALLS FOR ANY ILLEGAL ROBOT TRICKS OR THREATS.
AND THERE ARE HIS FAMOUS LINES: "LET'S GO HOME" AND "THAT'S A GOOD BOY."
AND...
...YOU LOOK SCARED OF HIM TOO.
Because you're a robot too?
THE HUMAN FRIENDS WILL DESTROY ANY RECONSTRUCTED ROBOT, GOVERNMENT APPROVED OR NOT
HUH? UH... IS THAT...?

I PREFER THIS FRIGHTENED LOOK TO YOUR...
STROKE
...CHEESY SALESMAN SMILE. IT'S WAY SEXIER AND MORE HUMAN.
IF TROY CAME FOR YOU NOW THERE'S NOTHING COULD DO ABOUT IT
STROKE
DON'T...
DON'T TEASE ME, MISTRESS.
I'm scared.
I'M NOT TEASING YOU. WANT TO SEE?

OH...
YOU...
ARE
YOU REALLY A
ROBOT?
YOU
SEEM TO ENJOY
THIS TOO MUCH
TO ONLY BE A
ROBOT!
YOUR FACE
EVEN SAYS
"SCORE"!

WOW. YOU'RE REALLY WELL MADE.
Smoke's coming from your nose
HEE HEE HEE
YOU'RE MEAN.
YOU TEASE ME TOO MUCH, MISTRESS...
HE'S IMPERFECT... ..EVEN THOUGH HE'S A ROBOT..
Hey, let me see. Come on.
No, don't want to.
HE'S JUST A ROBOT BUT... ..HE'S WARM
HE'S ALL THESE THINGS BUT HE'S NOT...
...KNA..
FOOL.
DID YOU THINK YOU COULD FORGET ABOUT ME?

ARE YOU OKAY, MISTRESS?
DID YOU HAVE A NIGHTMARE?
You're sweating.
YOU ROBOTS...
...HAVE DREAMS TOO?
.....
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
HM...

I GUESS MY DREAM IS...
.. THAT ONE OF THE MASTERS WHO SIGNED THEIR NAME ON MY BODY WOULD BECOME MY PERMANENT OWNER...
.....!
AND THIS RECYCLE SYMBOL MEANS NO WASTE. HAPPY?
NOT REALLY
...SO I CAN STOP LIVING THE LIFE OF A RENTED ROBOT AND L VE HAPPILY EVERY AFTER WITH ONE MASTER.
I'D BE HAPPY IF YOU NAMED ME.
SIGN MY "GUEST BOOK".
No pressure..
COME HERE
....

THAT'S A GOOD DECISION.
I knew it.
I'LL SEND YOU A SIMILAR MODEL IN A FEW DAYS SO TAKE CARE OF HIM!
WHAT?
A new one?
SORRY, BUT THE MODEL YOU HAVE HAS PROBLEMS SO THEY'VE BEEN RECALLED
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? YOU SAID HE WAS APPROVED BY THE GOVERNMENT...
WHATEVER I'VE ALREADY DECIDED ON THIS ONE...
...SO JUST PROCESS IT
SOMEONE WILL PICK HIM UP TODAY...
WELL, STUFF HAPPENS AND EVEN GOVERNMENT-APPROVED ROBOTS HAVE PROBLEMS..
IT'S NOT THAT EASY. THE ROBOT HAS SERIOUS BRAIN SSUES SO IT COULD BE DANGEROUS SO...

WHOOP WHOOP WHOOP WHOOP
THE HUMAN FRIENDS ARE ON THEIR WAY.
WHOOP WHOOP WHOOP WHOOP
WHAT?
WHOOP WHOOP WHOOP
WHOOP WHOOP WHOOP WHOOP

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WHOOP WHOOP WHOOP WHOOP
...KI...

KIVA!!!
WHOOP WHOOP WHOOP WHOOP WHOOP
W-WHAT'S GOING ON? WAIT SINCE WHEN DID I HAVE A FRIEND LIKE THIS?
A M-MAN'S VOICE?!
HA-HA-HA. SO, KIVA IS THE NAME.
WHY DIDN'T TROY CONTACT US AFTER DISCOVERING THE SECRET NAME?
IF YOU TOLD US THE NAME EARLIER, THEN WE WOULDN'T BE DOING THIS THE HARD WAY.
!!
KLINK

WHOOP WHOOP WHOOP
WHERE ARE YOU, KIVA?
THERE'S...!
KIVA...
IF YOU WANT TO SEE HIM, GO TO THE BASEMENT. I MEAN, BLUE BEARD'S ROOM!
WHAT THE HELL!
KIVA!!
WHAT, IS GOING ON?!

IT REALLY IS LIKE THE ROOM OF BLUE BEARD.
...MY NAME IS TROY?
KI.. VA ?
DIDN'T WOM TELL YOU THAT...

KLIK
CHK
LET'S GO HOME.
--!
KLANK
...THAT'S A GOOD BOY.
KLANK
RIGHT?
BLAM!

THIS 'S THE WORK OF THE MAD GENIUS DR YOON-KYUNG FOR SURE
투다다다
WHOOP WHOOP WHOOP WHOOP
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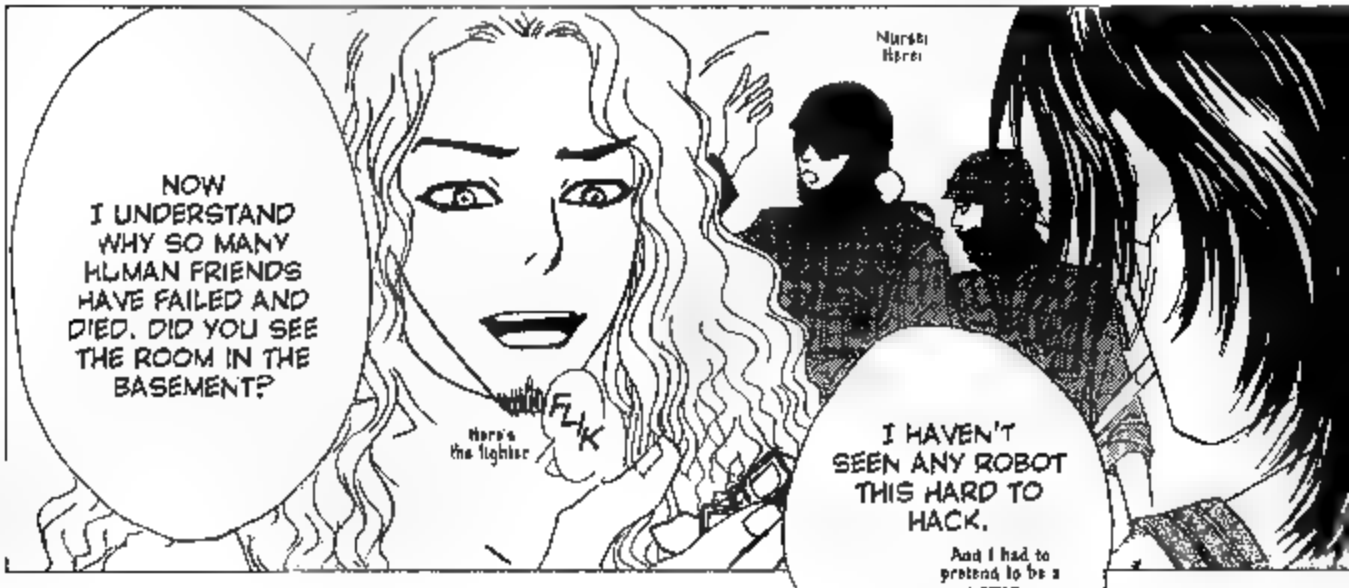
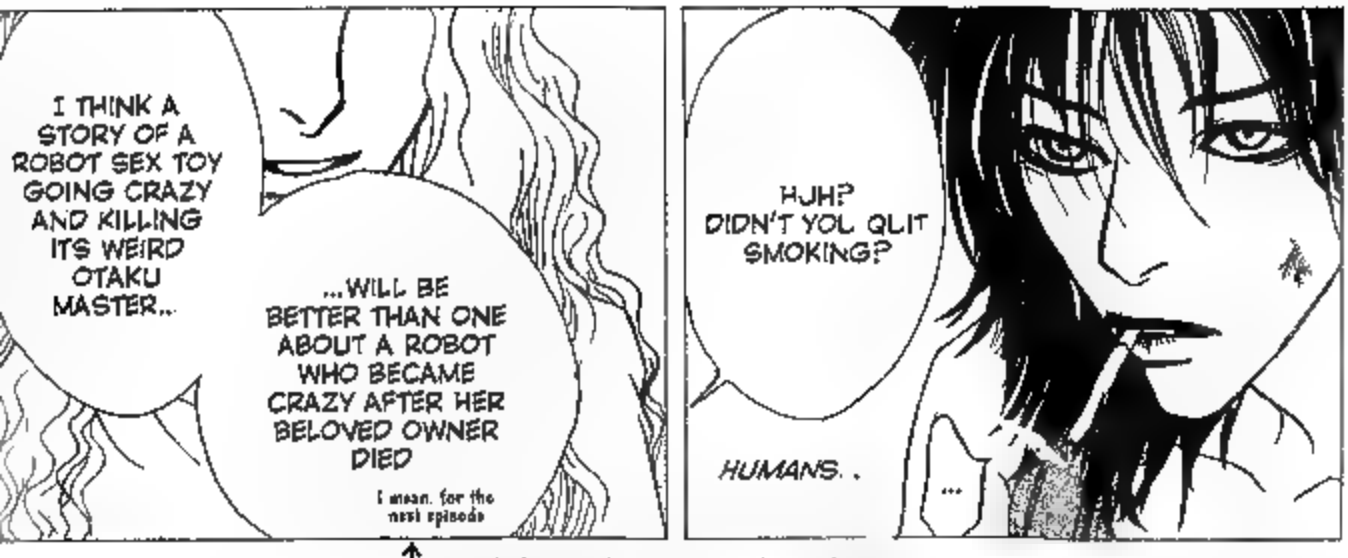
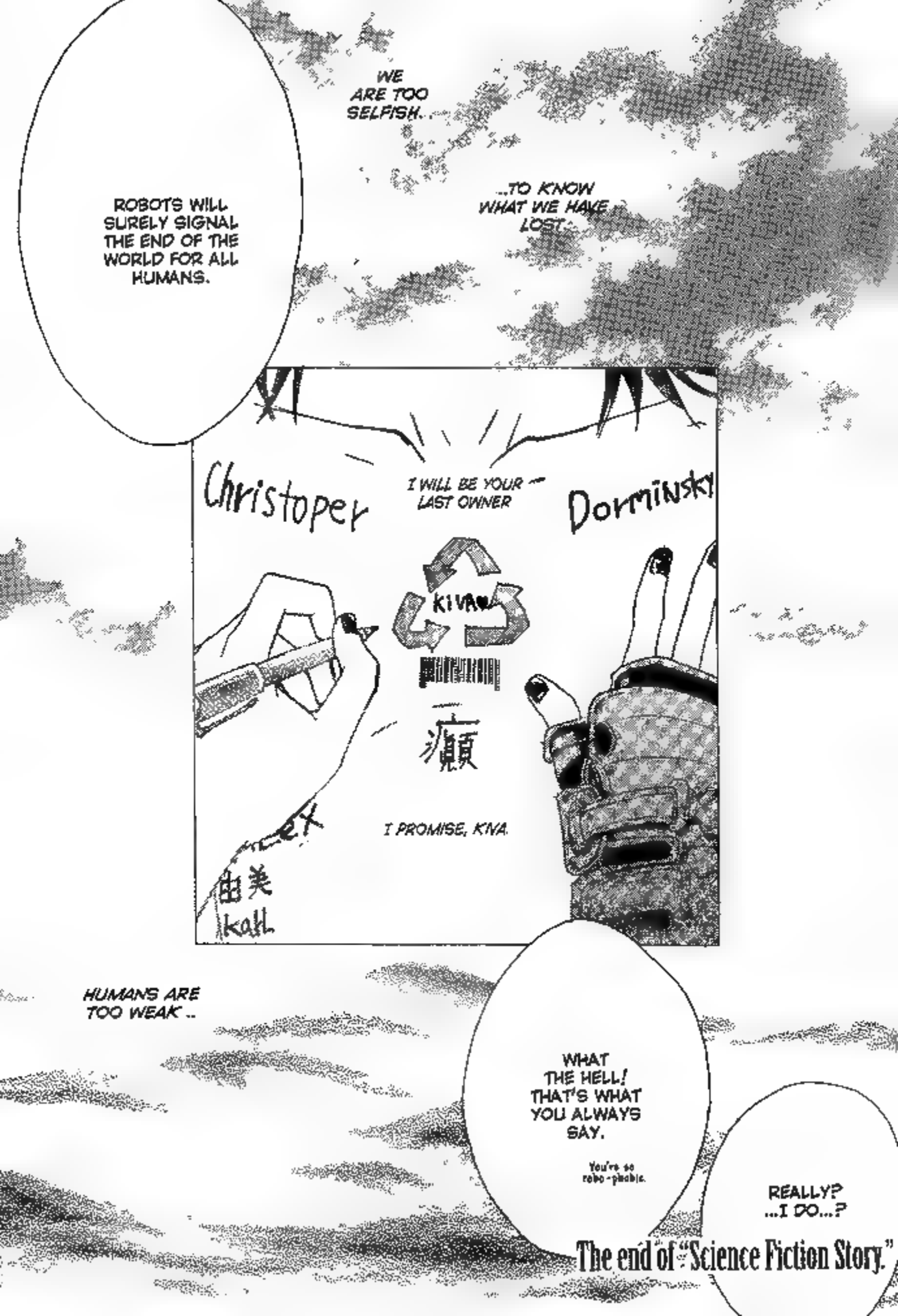
WHOOP WHOOP WHOOP WHOOP
I HADN'T EVEN HEARD ABOUT THIS HOLOGRAPHIC PROGRAM THAT CAN MAKE A DESERT LOOK LIKE A CITY..


NOW I UNDERSTAND WHY SO MANY HUMAN FRIENDS HAVE FAILED AND DIED. DID YOU SEE THE ROOM IN THE BASEMENT?
Here's the fighter
FLAK
Nurse Hero
I HAVEN'T SEEN ANY ROBOT THIS HARD TO HACK.
And I had to pretend to be a woman..


I THINK A STORY OF A ROBOT SEX TOY GOING CRAZY AND KILLING ITS WEIRD OTAKU MASTER..
...WILL BE BETTER THAN ONE ABOUT A ROBOT WHO BECAME CRAZY AFTER HER BELOVED OWNER DIED
I mean, for the next episode
HUH? DIDN'T YOU QUIT SMOKING?
HUMANS. .
...

↑ Probably talking about the animation "Human Friends"

.....
OH, I STARTED AGAIN.
DON'T CARE ABOUT THE PAIN OF OTHERS.
BECAUSE IT LOOKED SO DELICIOUS WHEN SHE SMOKED...
HUMANS DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY HAVE LOST .
ARE YOU REALLY A ROBOT?
HA-HA-HA YOU DID IT, DIDN'T YOU?
I THINK HE'S JUST SCARED OF ROBOTS...
DIDN'T I TELL YOU, WOM?
WHAT?

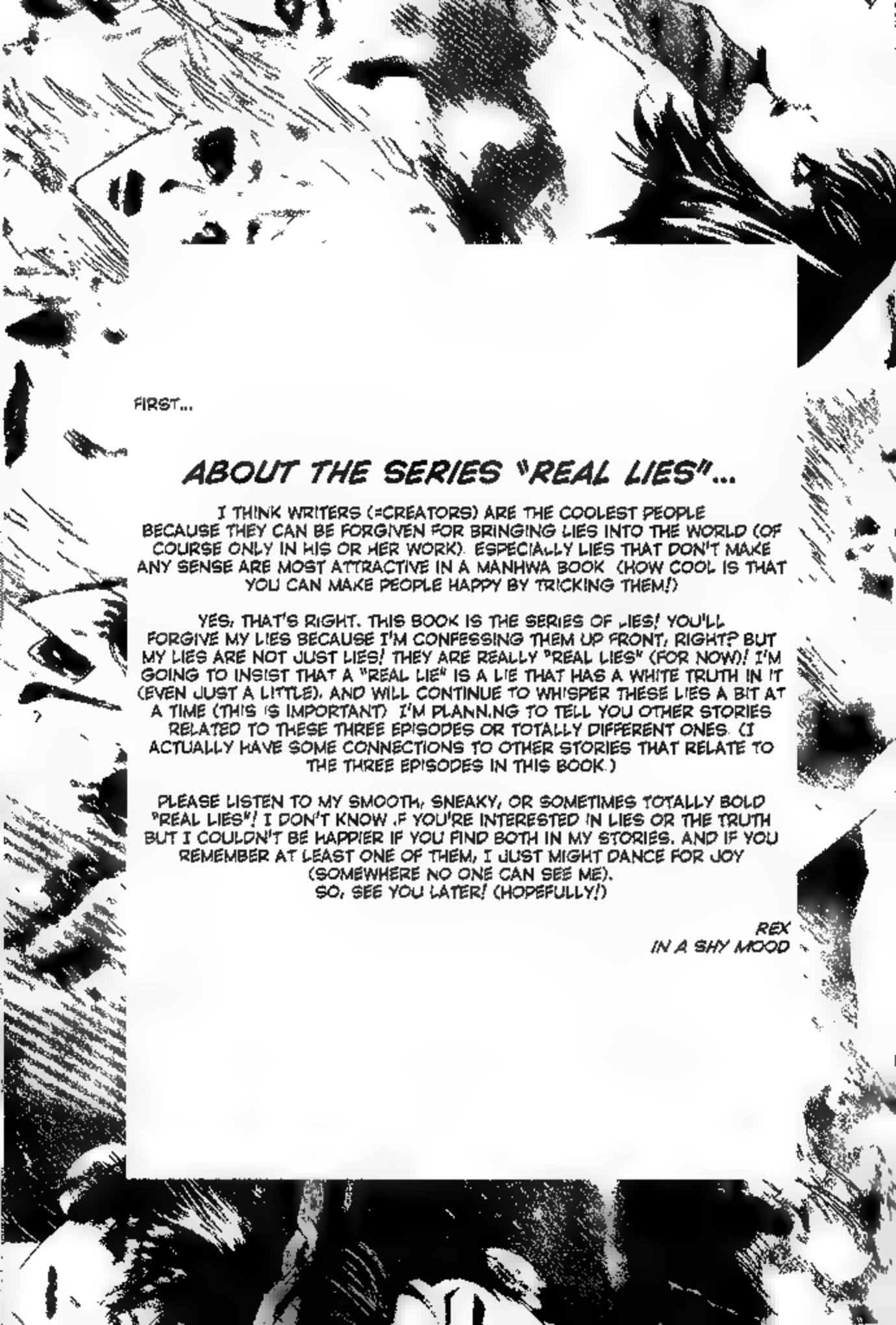

WE ARE TOO SELFISH...
...TO KNOW WHAT WE HAVE LOST...
ROBOTS WILL SURELY SIGNAL THE END OF THE WORLD FOR ALL HUMANS.
Christopey
I WILL BE YOUR — LAST OWNER
Dorminsky
KIVA
瀬頁
I PROMISE, KIVA.
由美
kaiL
HUMANS ARE TOO WEAK..
WHAT THE HELL! THAT'S WHAT YOU ALWAYS SAY.
You're so robo-phobic.
REALLY? ...I DO...?
The end of "Science Fiction Story."

SNAKE LEG!!

THE FOLLOWING PAGES CONTAIN REX'S PRIVATE STORIES. IF YOU'RE TOO TIRED TO READ ON, YOU CAN JUST SKIP THESE PAGES! (JUST STEP OVER ME!!)

REX'S IMAGINATION IS VERY MUCH LIKE A SCI-FI MANHWA.

①LIAR CREATOR ②PARTNER FOR COMMUNICATION ③MAIN ROBOT FOR DRAWING ④ASSISTANT ROBOT FOR ERASING ⑤ICE CREAM (VERY REFRESHING!) ⑥INK ⑦ART WORK (NOT FINISHED) ⑧PEN ③ERASER



FIRST...

ABOUT THE SERIES "REAL LIES"...

I THINK WRITERS (=CREATORS) ARE THE COOLEST PEOPLE BECAUSE THEY CAN BE FORGIVEN FOR BRINGING LIES INTO THE WORLD (OF COURSE ONLY IN HIS OR HER WORK). ESPECIALLY LIES THAT DON'T MAKE ANY SENSE ARE MOST ATTRACTIVE IN A MANHWA BOOK. (HOW COOL IS THAT YOU CAN MAKE PEOPLE HAPPY BY TRICKING THEM!)

YES, THAT'S RIGHT. THIS BOOK IS THE SERIES OF LIES! YOU'LL FORGIVE MY LIES BECAUSE I'M CONFESSING THEM UP FRONT, RIGHT? BUT MY LIES ARE NOT JUST LIES! THEY ARE REALLY "REAL LIES" (FOR NOW)! I'M GOING TO INSIST THAT A "REAL LIE" IS A LIE THAT HAS A WHITE TRUTH IN IT (EVEN JUST A LITTLE), AND WILL CONTINUE TO WHISPER THESE LIES A BIT AT A TIME (THIS IS IMPORTANT). I'M PLANNING TO TELL YOU OTHER STORIES RELATED TO THESE THREE EPISODES OR TOTALLY DIFFERENT ONES. (I ACTUALLY HAVE SOME CONNECTIONS TO OTHER STORIES THAT RELATE TO THE THREE EPISODES IN THIS BOOK.)

PLEASE LISTEN TO MY SMOOTH, SNEAKY, OR SOMETIMES TOTALLY BOLD "REAL LIES"! I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN LIES OR THE TRUTH BUT I COULDN'T BE HAPPIER IF YOU FIND BOTH IN MY STORIES. AND IF YOU REMEMBER AT LEAST ONE OF THEM, I JUST MIGHT DANCE FOR JOY (SOMEWHERE NO ONE CAN SEE ME).
SO, SEE YOU LATER! (HOPEFULLY!)

REX
IN A SHY MOOD

HOW MARTIANS CONQUER EARTH

IN THE BEGINNING, I WROTE, "PITY THE DEAD AND.. NOT THE LIVING..." THEN I THOUGHT "HOW NARROW-MINDED." SOUNDS LIKE A PERSON WHO'S NEVER HAD THE EXPERIENCE OF LOSING A LOVED ONE. WELL, I STARTED THIS PIECE WITH THIS COMMENT BUT I WANTED TO TELL THE STORY OF GREEDY PEOPLE WHO DIDN'T CARE ABOUT THE WORLD AT THE END. SELFISH PEOPLE WHO DIDN'T CARE WHETHER MARTIANS CONQUERED THE EARTH OR NOT IF A LOST LOVED ONE COULD BE WITH THEM AGAIN! THIS SAD SELFISHNESS KEPT DRIVING ME (HA-HA) AND I LIKED THESE SELFISH PEOPLE. BUT I ONLY LIKE THEM AS CHARACTERS IN A DIFFERENT AGE AND TIME FROM MY OWN. BECAUSE I'M A VERY SELFISH PERSON AS WELL.

THAT IS THE AFTERWORD I WROTE UPON FINISHING THE PIECE. HA-HA-HA. ACTUALLY, IT'S NOT IMPORTANT WHETHER A RETURN MAN IS A MARTIAN OR NOT. THIS STORY IS ABOUT SLY PEOPLE WHO INSIST "I CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT HIM OR HER," BUT ARE QUICK TO REPLACE THEM. IT'S A SAD BUT UNDERSTANDABLE SITUATION, ISN'T IT?

IS IT REALLY IMPOSSIBLE?

IS A STORY THAT'S A BIT OF AN ESCAPE FROM EVERYDAY LIFE WHEREAS THIS STORY IS JUST A BIT OF EVERYDAY LIFE IN A BIG ESCAPIST TALE. THE TIME WAS THE PRESENT (2001) BUT THE DIFFERENCE IS THAT MOST OF THE POPULATION CONSISTS OF CLONED MEN AND ONLY A FEW WOMEN ARE BORN NATURALLY! AND THOSE WOMEN ARE TREATED LIKE GODDESSES. FURTHERMORE, ONLY "DOMINANTS" CAN MAKE WOMEN PREGNANT...! IT COMES ACROSS AS SOME KIND OF WEIRD FEMINISM... BUT THE PLOT BASICALLY ASKS "CAN A MAN AND A WOMAN BECOME FRIENDS"? THIS IS A VERY COMMON THEME THAT TRENDY DRAMAS HAVE USED SO MANY TIMES ALREADY. THAT'S WHY I HAD SO MUCH FUN WHEN I WORKED ON THIS PIECE. I THINK YOU CAN JUST IGNORE THE GLOOMY CIRCUMSTANCES. IF YOU'RE CURIOUS ABOUT THE WEIRD STUFF, YOU SHOULD WAIT FOR "RANG'S EPISODE" WHICH I'LL WORK ON SOMEDAY. (THAT EPISODE WILL BE QUITE DARK.) HA-HA-HA. I HAVE REFERENCED THE IMAGES OF MANY MUSICIANS AND ARTISTS THAT I LIKE. THAT MEANS SOME OF MY FAVORITE FEMALE SINGERS OR ARTISTS WILL APPEARS AS DRAG QUEENS... YIKES! I'M SO SORRY.

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THIS IS THE STORY OF TROY, MY FAVORITE CHARACTER FROM "ILLEGAL ROBOT INVESTIGATION TEAM HUMAN FRIENDS." THIS STORY'S TWIST HAS BEEN SEEN BEFORE ("SIXTH SENSES" OR "GUEST OF SUNDAY" - THE KOREAN MANHWA BOOK) SO I WAS SURPRISED WHEN READERS SAID "THE STORY WAS QUITE DIFFICULT" OR "THE ENDING WAS A SURPRISE." I WAS TOLD THAT THE STORY'S REVERSAL AND THE ENDING CAME TOO QUICKLY BUT I DIDN'T WANT TO FORCE READERS TO FOLLOW A LONG DRAWN OUT CONCLUSION... I THOUGHT TOO MANY STORIES ENDED THAT WAY ANYWAY, SO I FELT THAT IT WAS BETTER TO END THE STORY BEFORE READERS REALIZED WHAT WAS GOING ON. WHAT I WANTED TO REALLY FOCUS ON WAS A FRIENDLY BATTLE BETWEEN TWO MAIN CHARACTERS, SO READERS WOULD FEEL MORE SADNESS WHEN THEY FINISHED READING THE STORY (MWA-HA-HA-HA... SORRY). AND I HOPED THAT THE ENDING WOULD RESONATE MORE WITH THE READERS BECAUSE OF THE FUNNY CONFLICT BETWEEN THOSE TWO. WELL... ALL OF THAT WAS POSSIBLE BECAUSE THE STORY WAS PUBLISHED IN A BIMONTHLY MAGAZINE FOR ADULTS, WHICH I HADN'T DONE BEFORE. HA-HA-HA. THAT'S ALL I WANT TO SAY...

THAT'S WHAT I WROTE BEFORE (AFTER FINISHING THE PIECE AND WAS IN A PROUD AND POSITIVE MOOD...) BUT I'M DISCIPLINING MYSELF NOW. IT'S JUST THAT IT'S DIFFICULT FOR A SELF-CENTERED PERSON TO BE A CREATOR. IT'S A SOLITARY TASK MAKING CREATIVE CHOICES, CHOOSING BETWEEN THIS OR THAT. (WHAT SHOULD I DO? I HAVE A BAD SENSE OF DIRECTION! REALLY...)

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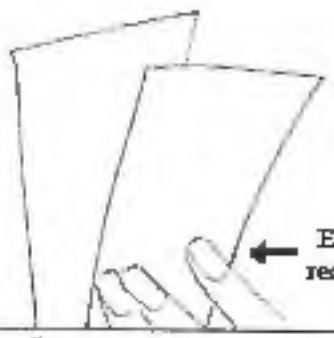

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